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Local Matters

RANGE BOAT BURNED

An alarm was sounded on the Tor-
pedo Station system on Thursday
evening for a fire in one of the open
range boats moored at the dock in the
midst of several other small
craft. The fire was blazing merrily,
and when all hands responded, the
first duty was to remove the other
craft from the place of danger. This
was accomplished after some trouble,
the night being very cold and a
strong wind prevailing.
The burning boat gave the men a
great deal of trouble, and although
quantities of water were poured in,
the flames were not extinguished
until she had sunk to the bottom.
The work of raising her was under-
taken Friday morning in order to
determine the extent of the damage,
which must have been considerable.
The cause of the fire is unknown.

CALLED TO THE WEST

Mr. Edwin O. Andrews, who has
been executive secretary of the Army
& Navy Young Men's Christian As-
sociation in this city for many years,
has received a call to San Diego,
California, to take charge of the
magnificent new Y. M. C. A. building
in that city. It is expected that he
will accept and will leave for the
West in about a month.
Mr. Andrews will be greatly
missed in Newport, where he has
long been regarded as a very essen-
tial fixture. He has done splendid
work among the service men at the
local institution, but his work and
influence have extended far beyond
the limits of the building. He has
taken a great interest in everything
that pertains to the welfare of New-
port, and is a member of many local
organizations.

The 1925 number plates will be
necessary on all autos that are op-
erated after midnight next Wednes-
day. Inasmuch as all owners have
had ample time to secure their new
plates, the police have announced
that no temporary permits will be
granted after that time, and all cars
not equipped will have to remain off
the streets. During the year begin-
ning next Thursday, there will un-
doubtedly be a greater number of
cars on the highways than ever, and
the traffic and parking problem will
be still further accentuated.

The new pay scale for civilian em-
ployes at the government stations
here has been announced. There is
an average increase of about two
cents an hour.

The federal pilot licenses of Joshua
Truman Dodge and William Earl
Dodge of Block Island have been
suspended for one year.

In accordance with custom for a
number of years, the lights in the
Thames street shopping section went
out for a time on Christmas Eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Congdon
spent the holidays in Buffalo with
their son-in-law and daughter, Mr.
and Mrs. Gladling.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Thursday was an ideal day for
Christmas, although there was not
quite as much snow on the ground as
some of the youngsters would have
liked. The ground was barely cov-
ered with white, a snow that had
fallen during the night, and had
turned to ice under the influence of
the sudden fall in temperature. It
was cold during the day, but not too
cold for comfort, the wintry wave
being much less severe than that
during the earlier part of the week.
While the homes were generally
the centers of attraction during the
day, there were some public observ-
ances held. Christmas Eve services
were held in several of the churches
on the preceding evening, and special
church services were held on
Christmas morning. The various
charitable and medical institutions
were not forgotten, but celebrations
were arranged for all the inmates.
At the Training Station and the
Torpedo Station there were Christ-
mas trees for the youngsters, and a
thoroughly good time was given
them.

Christmas Eve was very wet and
disagreeable, and this interfered
greatly with the programme for the
festivities about the Community
Christmas tree on the Mall. There
was but a small attendance at the
hour set. The tree was lighted
throughout the evening and presented
a fine sight. The business section of
the city presented a Sabbath-like ap-
pearance, practically all places of
business being closed for the entire
day. The firemen had little to do during
the day, the general substitution of
electric lights for candles on Christ-
mas trees having gone far to avert
the peril of fire which was always
expected on this holiday.

Next Thursday will be the first day
of the New Year 1925, and many of
the places of business in Newport
will be closed for the entire day.

MRS. ALFRED TUCKERMAN

Mrs. Alfred Tuckerman died at her
residence on Kay street on Thursday
afternoon after a short illness, hav-
ing been confined to her home for
only a few weeks. She was well
known in Newport, where she had
made her home for a number of
years. Some time ago, Mr. and Mrs.
Tuckerman purchased the old Mal-
colm property at Kay and Everett
streets, and remodeled it into one of
the most attractive estates in that
vicinity, and had made it their per-
manent home.

Before her marriage Mrs. Tuck-
erman was Miss Clara Louise Fargis
of New York. She was a woman of
very charitable disposition, and had
many friends. She is survived by
her husband. The remains will be
taken to New York for interment.

The executive committee of the
Community Hotel Association has
been in touch with operators and
prospective lessees of the new enter-
prise, and will have recommendations
to make to the board of directors at
their meeting next month. The sec-
ond instalment on the subscriptions
is now coming in, and as soon as this
is pretty well paid up the Corpora-
tion will take title to the land and
will begin the work of removing the
present Hill Top Inn. It is the in-
tention to have the new building
ready for occupancy as soon as pos-
sible, but all false steps will be
avoided as far as possible.

A young woman named Mrs. Mary
Matthews drank a quantity of dis-
infectant late Wednesday evening,
but was saved much suffering and
possibly death by the prompt use of
an emetic. The police were sum-
moned and conveyed her to the New-
port Hospital, where her condition
was found not to be serious.

The police have taken into custody
a rugged colored woman who has
been soliciting gifts for an "orphan
home" on West Broadway. It devel-
oped that the solicitor was the only
orphan who was to be benefited.

The special Red Cross train, which
is touring the country to give in-
structions and demonstrations in
first aid work, will arrive in New-
port on Monday to remain for two days.

FATALLY BURNED

Mrs. Mary Williams, who lived
alone at 81 Pelham street, was fat-
ally burned on Sunday evening,
when her clothes took fire from an
open gas heater in her room. Her
screams and the howling of her dog
brought aid from the residence of
Mr. Perry B. Dawley, her next door
neighbor, and with the assistance of
a rug the flames in her clothing
were quickly extinguished, but not
before she had been seriously burned.
She was taken to the Dawley resi-
dence for first aid, and from there
to the Newport Hospital where it
was at once seen that her condition
was critical.

In the meantime a still alarm had
been sounded, and when the firemen
responded, they found the room a
mass of flames, the contents being a
total loss. Fortunately the fire had
not had time to become firmly estab-
lished and the flames were quickly
extinguished by chemical streams.

Mrs. Dawley was the first to hear
the commotion and was on the scene
in a moment, summoning others as
she hurried to the rescue.

KILLED BY AUTO

Viola Ford, four years old, daugh-
ter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Ford,
of Spring Wharf, was instantly
killed on Tuesday afternoon when she
was struck by a motor truck of I-
vid's Market. The little girl ran out
into the street, directly in front of
the car, and the driver could not
avoid hitting her. She was picked
up and rushed to the Newport Hos-
pital in the auto of Sergeant Lee of
Fort Adams, but life was extinct
upon arriving there.

The driver of the truck, Frank
X. Arnbruster, reported at the Pol-
ice Station, and the police made a
search for witnesses to place the
responsibility. Several small child-
ren saw the accident but were too
frightened to give an intelligent ver-
sion. The accident occurred on
lower Thames street, not far from
the home of the little victim of the
sad affair.

WILLIAM D. CHAMPLAIN

Mr. William D. Champlain died at
the Newport Hospital on Tuesday,
after a long illness. He had been
under treatment for several months
suffering from a complication of
diseases. He had been in the employ
of the New England Steamship Com-
pany for many years, being assist-
ant engineer of the steamer City of
Taunton. He is survived by three
sons and two daughters, one son be-
ing a cadet at West Point, and an-
other in the Navy. His wife died
several months ago.

Mr. Champlain was a member of
St. Paul's Lodge, No. 14, A. F. & A.
M., and the officers of the Lodge con-
ducted the funeral service on
Wednesday.

The case of M. Steinert Company
vs. Jacob Aronson, which has twice
before been heard before a jury, oc-
cupied the attention of the Court on
Monday. This was a rather com-
plicated transaction and several
interesting legal points are involved.
Counsel for plaintiff noted some ex-
ceptions to the Court's ruling during
the progress of the trial. At the
close of the afternoon session on
Monday, the Court took a recess over
the holidays until next Monday.

Senator Metcalf has announced that
he will appoint Horace W. Magoun
of this city as a cadet at the West
Point Military Academy. The young
man mentioned is a son of Rev. and
Mrs. Roy W. Magoun and is well
known and very popular here. His
father is superintendent of the Sea-
men's Church Institute, and is one
of the best liked clergymen in New-
port.

The weekly meeting of the Lions
Club was omitted this week because
the date fell on Christmas Day. Next
week the Club will have a Christmas
observance on New Year's Day.

In accordance with a recent vote
of the board of aldermen, Mayor
Sullivan has forwarded to President
Coolidge a formal invitation to spend
next summer in Newport.

A SPELL OF WINTER

The cold spell that held the west-
ern part of the country in its icy
grip for several days, causing many
deaths and much suffering, arrived in
Newport last Saturday night, but its
energy had been considerably abated
on its long trip across the country.
It was cold here—real cold—but it
was only about 10 above Sunday
morning. Compared with the 46 be-
low zero that had been reported
from the far west, this temperature
might be considered balmy.

The temperature did not rise much
during the day on Sunday, remaining
at about the same figure all day. At
sunset, the mercury began to fall, and
it was only slightly above zero in
the evening, but before midnight the
worst of the cold spell began to pass
and by Monday morning the temper-
ature had risen to 20 degrees. It con-
tinued to moderate gradually until
Wednesday night, when a rain storm
began and continued for some time.
Much water fell, and if the precipi-
tation had been snow instead of rain
there would have been a large accu-
mulation on the ground for Christ-
mas.

During the cold spell there was
some call for plumbers for frozen
water pipes, and a few careless au-
tomobiles suffered from frozen radiators,
but there was no such widespread
destruction as during the first spell
of winter in November, when autos
were frozen all over the city with the
result that the garage men reaped
a rich harvest.

The youngsters were somewhat
disappointed in not getting their
promised snow for Christmas, but
most of the older people rejoiced that
the precipitation came in such form
as not to require shovelling.

STOLEN GOODS HERE

Several big robberies in Fall River
within a short time developed a
trail that led to Newport, and late
last week police from Fall River and
Newport found a large quantity of
the loot stored in a house at the cor-
ner of Spring and Mary streets. The
lessee of the house at first dis-
claimed any knowledge of the per-
sons who hired the room, but finally
revealed their names to the police.

The storeroom of the Essex shirt
factory in Fall River was broken into
on December 12, and a large quantity
of silk shirts and other valuable ar-
ticles were stolen. The police were
completely at a loss at first, but
finally received a tip that brought
them to Newport. A locked room in
the Spring street house was forced,
and there a great quantity of stolen
goods was found, all carefully piled
up in orderly fashion. The goods
were taken back to Fall River and
there two men were placed under
arrest charged with breaking and
entering. Goods were found in the
Newport collection that had been
taken from other places than the
Shirt factory.

At the meeting of the board of
aldermen on Tuesday evening, Alder-
men Hughes and Hanley were made
a committee to arrange for the inau-
guration of the new city government
which will take place on Monday,
January 5. Aldermen Kirby and
Hughes were made a committee to
prepare an examination for candi-
dates for the position of mechan-
ician for the fire department.

The Retail Trade Committee of
the Chamber of Commerce will hold
an open meeting on Tuesday evening
next for the purpose of obtaining an
expression of opinion regarding traf-
fic regulation in the center of the
city. There should be a great deal
of interest manifested in this matter,
as the traffic congestion gets worse
each day.

Kolah Grotto will hold its annual
Kiddies' Christmas entertainment at
Masonic Hall on Thursday, January
1, at 2:00 o'clock. A Christmas tree
will be provided for the youngsters
and there will also be an entertain-
ment program. Refreshments will
be served.

The printed reports of the commit-
tee of 25 have been mailed from the
city clerk's office.

PORTSMOUTH

(From our regular correspondent)

MR. WILLIAM H. BONE

Mr. William H. Bone died early
Sunday morning at the Newport Hos-
pital, after a short illness. Mr. Bone
had been in poor health for some
time and went to the Hospital for
an operation. The case proved to be
more serious than was expected and
pneumonia set in following the op-
eration, causing his death.

Mr. Bone was born in the Isle of
Wight 62 years ago and came to this
country when about 21 years of age.
In 1902 he became the manager of
Sandy Point Farm for Mr. Reginald
C. Vanderbilt.

Mr. Bone was a member of Eureka
Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Aquidneck
Chapter, R. A. M., DeBlois Council,
Van Rensselaer Lodge of Perfection,
Washington Commandery, Aquidneck
Chapter, O. E. S., Newport Lodge of
Elks, Portsmouth Grange, and United
Order of Workmen. He served as a
member of the town council from
1914 to 1920.

Mr. Bone is survived by his widow,
two daughters, Misses Julia and
Happy Bone, his mother and several
sisters and brothers.

Funeral services were held Tues-
day afternoon. The Lodge of Elks
held their services at his home. The
Episcopal service was conducted at
St. Mary's Church by Rev. James P.
Conover, after which Washington
Commandery conducted their serv-
ices in charge of Commander Chester
Staats, assisted by the Prelate, Ar-
thur B. Commerford and other mem-
bers. The bearers were all members
of Eureka Lodge, No. 22, A. F. & A.
M., and were Messrs. Jethro H. Peck-
ham, W. M., Frank H. Wheeler,
Frank J. Thomas, Walter B. Chase,
George Lawton, David P. Hedley,
James Livesey, and William B. An-
thony. The interment was in the
Island Cemetery in Newport. The
floral tributes filled three large au-
tomobiles and were very beautiful.

The regular meeting of Portsmouth
Grange was held at Fair Hall with
a good attendance. After the busi-
ness meeting, Christmas carols were
sung and a Christmas tree was found
to be loaded with gifts and candy.
Peanuts were also distributed. Re-
freshments were served, consisting
of cake, ice cream and cocoa. Dan-
cing was enjoyed.

The public schools of the town
closed on Tuesday for the Christmas
vacation, and will re-open on Mon-
day, January 5, 1925.

Mr. John Hartley, who was seri-
ously injured on the evening of No-
vember 5, before the Victory Parade,
in an accident at the corner of East
Main Road and Forest avenue, is im-
proving. He is now able to take a
walk for a few minutes each pleasant
day in front of his home.

Mrs. Rufus Bennett and her two
sons, of East Bridgewater, Mass.,
have been guests of Mrs. Bennett's
daughter, Mrs. John Stafford.

Rev. and Mrs. William H. Allen
have closed their summer home and
have gone to Providence for the win-
ter.

Mrs. Minnie T. Steele, who has
been spending the past three weeks
with relatives in Hampstead, N. H.,
Haverhill and Watertown, Mass., has
returned to her home here.

Mr. Russell Anthony, who is at
Gainesville Military Academy, At-
lanta, Ga., is spending a three weeks'
vacation with his parents, Mr. and
Mrs. William B. Anthony.

A reception was given the new
rector of St. Paul's Church, Rev.
Mr. Gowenlock, and Mrs. Gowenlock
in the receiving line were Mrs. Wil-
liam B. Clarke, Mrs. Herbert Ashley,
Mrs. Jennie Cook, Rev. and Mrs.
Gowenlock, Miss Hattie Anthony,
Mrs. John L. Borden, Mrs. Oliver
G. Hicks, Misses France and Grace
Hicks, and Mr. William B. Anthony.
Miss M. Louise Chase sang two se-
lections, as did Miss Crossley of Fall
River. Among those present were
Rev. James P. Conover, rector of St.
Mary's and Holy Cross Churches,
Rev. Julian D. Hamlin and Rev. R.
H. Schorrenberg of Newport. Ice
cream and cake were served. The
room was prettily decorated with
Christmas decorations, laurel and
red and white bells, and carnations
and ferns.

The Ladies Association of St.
Paul's Church met with Mrs. Lucy
Anthony, the day being spent in sew-
ing for some children of the parish
for Christmas.

Miss Flora Chase has gone to In-
dianola, Iowa, to visit her brother,
Rev. Henry Chase, who is stationed
there.

The annual Community Christmas
Tree was held at the Social Studio.
The affair was under the direction of
Mrs. John M. Eldridge, Mrs. H. Frank
Anthony, and Mrs. Lucy Anthony.
Gifts to each child present were fur-
nished by Mrs. Paul FitzSimons, who
has donated them for the past 15
years. Ice cream and cake, the gift

of Dr. Seth DeBlois, were served.
"Dr. Seth" assisted in serving, as he
has each year. About 250 persons
were present, and each child re-
ceived a gift, which made the day
one to be remembered.

The Portsmouth Branch of the
American Red Cross Society met on a
Monday evening at the Portsmouth
Library. The nurse, Mrs. Keller,
gave a very interesting report of the
work in this town. She spoke par-
ticularly on the work of the dental
clinic, and gave some very interest-
ing facts in regard to this work.

MIDDLETOWN

(From our regular correspondent)

Election of Grange Officers

The annual election of officers of
Aquidneck Grange, No. 30, was held at
the Middletown Town Hall. The fol-
lowing officers were elected:

Master—Gordon D. Oxx.
Overseer—Leslie Barlow.
Lecturer—Lovell J. Pike.
Assistant Steward—Isaac Matson.
Chaplain—Mrs. Mary Lawton.
Secretary—Miss Bertha Johnson.
Treasurer—Daniel A. Peckham.
Gate Keeper—Clayton Gifford.
Ceres—Glorie Raynor.
Pomona—Florence Titus.
Flora—Mrs. Mangum.
Lady Assistant Steward—Ruth White-
son.
Executive Committee—John Nichol-
son.

The Worthy Master, William Thurst-
on, Jr., presided at the meeting. After
the business of the evening was con-
cluded, the feast committee, Misses
Julia A. Paquin, Mazie A. Paquin, Bea-
trice Grinnell and Mrs. Ritt, served
coffee and buns.

The next meeting of the Paradise
Club will be held on December 31, at
the home of Mrs. Clifton B. Ward, and
short Christmas stories will be given by
the members.

It has been stated 410 Anti-Tubercu-
losis Christmas seals were sold by mem-
bers of the Paradise Club and children.

The public schools closed on Wednes-
day for the holidays and will re-open on
Monday, January 6, 1925.

Mr. LeRoy Peckham has been con-
fined to his home for several days, by
illness.

Miss Martha Allen has returned to
her home from Wallum Lake.

News has been received of the mar-
riage of Miss Dorothy Brownell of Wind-
sor, Nova Scotia, and Mr. V. T. Vanicek
of this town. Mr. Vanicek is the son
of Mr. V. A. Vanicek, the well known
nurseryman. The marriage took place
at the home of the bride's parents. Mr.
and Mrs. Vanicek will return here after
their honeymoon and will occupy Mr.
Vanicek's father's home until their new
bungalow on Vernon avenue is com-
pleted. Mrs. Vanicek is a graduate
nurse of the Newport Hospital.

Much seaweed has been washed in at
the shore during the past three weeks,
and the farmers have been busy cart-
ing it to their farms.

The masquerade ball, to be given at
Oakland Hall on New Year's eve, will
be under the auspices of Oakland Lodge,
I. O. O. F., and Sarah Rebekah Lodge,
I. O. O. F.

The meeting of the Middletown Red
Cross Public Health Committee, which
is held on the first Thursday of each
month, will be postponed to the second
Thursday, on January 8, and will be
held at St. George's School.

After a short evening service on Sun-
day evening at St. Columba's Berkeley
Memorial Chapel, the chapel was deco-
rated with Christmas greens by mem-
bers of the parish. At the conclusion
of this pleasant duty, those who assisted
in this work adjourned to the parish
house, where sandwiches and coffee
were served.

Mrs. Howard G. Peckham, assisted
by her daughter, Miss Janet Peckham,
had charge of the Christmas tree and
gifts of the Berkeley Memorial Sunday
School. For a great many years this
word has been done by Mrs. Robert
Patterson, whose death occurred re-
cently. Mrs. Patterson was an enthu-
siastic worker in matters pertaining to
this church and Sunday school.

A large crowd of people attended the
performance of the Aquidneck Grange
Minstrel Show, which was held at Oak-
land Hall. This was the third perfor-
mance and was considered a greater
success than the two previous perfor-
mances. Mr. John Nicholson was inter-
locutor and Miss Glorine Raynor was
accompanist. Local jokes were told,
and the entire show was full of pep and
vim. After the closing number, dan-
cing was enjoyed, music being furnished
by the Imperial Serenaders, with Mr.
William S. Bailey, 3d, leader. Ice cream
and cake were on sale.

The Christmas party of the Oliphant
School was held on Wednesday after-
noon.

The Wild Rose Troop of Girl Scouts
held a meeting at the Holy Cross Guild
House, at which time packages were
wrapped and put into Christmas stock-
ing to be sent to Oakland School for
Girls. It was voted to send baskets of
fruit to several persons for Christmas.
It was planned to repeat the play "The
Strange Cadence." The Christmas
party was held on Friday afternoon at
the Holy Cross Guild House, and a
Christmas tree was enjoyed by all.

Greek City Once Home of the Apostle Paul

Scholars state that St. Paul's short episode to Tius was written during his short period of freedom after his first imprisonment in Rome, but not long before his second imprisonment with which the scriptural account of the career of the great apostle terminates. In the twelfth verse of the third chapter St. Paul directs Tius to come to him at Nicopolis, "for I have determined there to winter." This Nicopolis was the celebrated city of Epirus. It was known as the "City of Victoria" and was built by the emperor Augustus in memory of his naval victory at Actium over the combined forces of Antony and Cleopatra. This victory practically made Octavian, later Augustus, the ruler of the Roman empire. The battle of Actium was fought in the year 31 B. C., and four years later Octavian was proclaimed emperor with the title of Augustus. Nicopolis stood on a peninsula on the west coast of Greece and on one side of the peninsula was the bay of Actium, the scene of the battle that takes its name from that of the bay. According to tradition, it was at Nicopolis that St. Paul was made a prisoner for the second time and carried to Rome.

Homing Instinct Strongly Developed in the Pig

A pig belonging to a Texas farmer was sold to a dealer who lived eight miles away. The morning after the sale the pig reappeared in its old sty, having escaped from its new quarters during the night.

The homing instinct is stronger in the pig than in most animals. An instance similar to the above occurred in Illinois, where a pig traveled 14 miles back to its old home, after being sold in a local market.

Darwin believed the pig capable of developing the sagacity of a dog. For example, a sow belonging to a Wisconsin farmer was trained to hunt game, at which it became more expert than most pointers. The fame of this animal spread far and wide, and tempting offers were made to buy it.

Records show that pigs in former days were often used as beasts of burden, while there is at least one well-authenticated instance of a pig being employed for rounding up sheep. Perhaps the most curious use to which the species has ever been put was to draw a carriage for an eccentric English nobleman.

Young Wolves in Packs

As a rule, wolves travel in packs only in the winter. The mating season for most wolves is in December and January. The young are born in burrows usually excavated by the wolves themselves. During the period of confinement the male feeds the female. There are generally from four to six cubs in a litter. They are blind for 21 days and are suckled for about two months. At the end of one month they are able to eat half digested flesh disgorged by the mother. They usually quit their parents in November or December, just before the pairing season, when they are less than a year old, but frequently the young remain together six or eight months longer. Wolves reach maturity in about three years. Hence the only young wolves found in packs are half-grown wolves which have left their mothers.—Pathfinder Magazine.

Pythons Sold by Yard

When shows and museums find it necessary to replenish their stock of pythons and boas they usually have to buy them by the yard, according to Popular Mechanics Magazine. New York forms the center of the snake-importing industry in America, and each year men go from there to Africa, India, Sumatra and South America, returning in the spring with hundreds of the big reptiles. A seven-foot python can be had for about \$20, according to snake dealers, while a length of 25 feet—found in the regal specimens from Sumatra—runs the price up from \$500 or \$700. Boas come smaller. Sixteen feet is said to be the maximum at an age of eight or ten years. In price these also start at about \$20 and run as high as \$200.

Taught Care of Books

Every child in Los Angeles is taught how to borrow books from the library and how to take care of books. The children's librarian visits each third-grade room and explains to the pupils the use of the library. Her aim is to arouse an interest in reading and teach the children to care for the books, says School Life. Following this a letter is written to the parents urging their co-operation in the correct use of the library. In addition a leaflet, entitled "How To Borrow Books," is distributed among the library's patrons.

Wasps

Possibly the best known of Fabre's discoveries is of the wasp who stings her prey with exact surgery so as to paralyze but not to kill, and then picks it away with her larvae, who need living food but would be killed by the insect if it were not paralyzed. The mother wasp, who never sees her young, thus makes the most complete and intricate scientific preparations for the safety as well as the nourishment of their early days. Those of us whose minds are not drugged by some mere word, like instinct, must forever stand amazed before such wonders of planning.—Norman Hargood in Hearst's International.

Easter Island Statue Pride of Archeologists

The world's most ancient statue is to be found outside, not inside, the British museum.

It is said that it took 200 men from the crew of his majesty's ship Topaz, and 300 natives to drag the statue from its original site, although it weighs only four tons. It is the work of a race of huge builders and was one of many similar colossal statues, some of them weighing as much as a hundred tons, scattered over Easter Island in the Pacific, London Tit-Bits says.

These hideous images were originally supplied with hats, in some cases weighing another five or six tons, which were red because they were made of tuff or volcanic rock. All the hats have fallen off now and are found lying around the huge statues as though there had been a high wind.

This race of ancient builders left traces in the shape of immense stone monuments right across the Pacific and many archeologists think that the islands on which these monuments are found are the last remnants left above the surface of a vast submerged continent. There is nothing which fixes the exact period of this achievement, but it is possible that the statues are at least as old as the pyramids of Egypt.

Common Phrase Once Had Distinct Meaning

In olden times in many parts of England, particularly during the feudal period, the poor living on a lord's manor or estate were allowed to go into the manor woods or forest with a hook and crook to get wood for fuel. What they could reach they might pull down with their crook. This was a precarious way of procuring fuel, but the privilege was eagerly sought. Boundary stones, beyond which the "hook and crook folk" might not pass, were to be seen of late years in some old forests. However, this custom does not satisfy the present use of the phrase, "hook and crook," which does not simply mean in a precarious manner, but at all hazards, ill or well. The custom referred to is described in the Bodmin Register of 1625, in which is this statement: "Dymmore Wood was ever open and common to the inhabitants of Bodmin to bear away upon their backs a burden of top, crop, hook, crook and bag wood."

World's Oldest Poem

Homer, the Greek poet, is credited with being a composer of the oldest and most famous poem in existence, "The Iliad." Homer lived about 1000 B. C. and in his immortal epic describes, in 24 books, certain important events that occurred in the tenth and last year of the siege of Troy. Agamemnon, the commander-in-chief of the allied Greeks, having quarreled with Achilles, the latter retires in anger from the contest and sulks in his tent. As a result of this defection the Trojans are victorious and Achilles, accordingly sends his friend, Patroclus, to turn the tide of battle. Patroclus, however, is slain by Hector, whereupon Achilles, rushing forth in rage to avenge the death of his friend, kills Hector and drags his body—fastened to his chariot—towards the Grecian ships. The poem of the Iliad closes with the restoration of the body of Hector to Priam, and the funeral ceremonies in honor of the Trojan hero.

"Fishing" for Coal

A quaint occupation is that of the "drudger," who, with the aid of long slaves called "hitchers," salvages coal dropped overboard during the process of coaling ships.

The "drudging" fleet, a collection of queer little broad-beamed boats, is to be seen at work at all waterside places where ships take in coal or discharge it, says London Tit-Bits.

A certain amount of coal falls overboard into the river or harbor mud, from which it is retrieved by the "drudgers," who wash it, take it ashore and sell it to householders at a low price.

Coal "drudging" is a skilled occupation, and one that is handed down from father to son.

Brain Works in Hot Bath

When you have some particularly knotty problem to solve, try a steaming hot bath. Nothing is so conducive to clear thinking as a hot tub, asserts Dr. L. Hubbard of Washington, D. C., in Hygeia, health magazine published by the American Medical association.

Have the water as hot as can be borne, and then a little hotter, advises Doctor Hubbard, and be sure to have a paper and pencil within reach so that you will not lose the brilliant ideas that are sure to come.

Such a bath is weakening and would be exhausting to some people, but used in an emergency, it will be found well worth while.

Not Acquainted

In an influential parish church it had been found necessary to provide the minister with an assistant. Some difficulty was evidently experienced. Ultimately it appeared that a suitable candidate had been found.

Following the Sunday on which he preached, a woman member of the congregation met a church officer, whom she proceeded to congratulate on their having secured such a likely young man as a prospective assistant.

"Oh, well," he said, "it's just a case of Hobson's choice."

"Indeed," was the reply, "but who is Hobson?"

TRAFFIC CASUALTIES DOUBLE WAR'S TOLL

Combined Deaths and Injuries 700,600 in 1923.

Washington.—There is almost joint lack of systematic effort to secure accurate and complete data regarding traffic accidents, their types and causes, and methods of prevention, declares the Committee on Statistics of the Conference on Street and Highway Safety, in a report to Secretary of Commerce Hoover based on a thorough survey which revealed an annual loss in the United States due to street and highway accidents in 1923 of 22,000 persons killed, 678,000 serious injuries and an economic loss of \$900,000,000.

The committee's report shows that there were more than twice as many casualties in street and highway accidents in the United States during 1923 than there were for the United States army at home and abroad in the World war. "The highway and street casualties include 'killed and seriously injured.'" This takes no account of minor accidents.

The report also shows that there were only 14,216 more of our men killed in action in the World war than in street and highway accidents in 1923.

In states where centralized agencies have been created to investigate such accidents, it has been possible to attempt a systematic remedy of the conditions. But 34 states have no adequate system for securing such information and in few states is any record kept except where death or serious personal injury result from traffic accidents.

Committee's Recommendations. Such facts, the committee says, "are fundamental to the adoption of adequate methods of traffic control, if the present situation is to be improved." And the committee's recommendations provide that:

"Statistics regarding street and highway accidents are so vital to any comprehensive understanding and treatment of the safety problem that their collection and analysis in every state and community is essential.

"Where such do not exist, statutes should be passed in every state which should make it the specific business of some state agency, preferably that clothed with authority to issue and revoke licenses, to receive traffic accident reports and investigate all such accidents, whether occurring within or without the corporate limits of municipalities.

"It should be made, by law, obligatory for those concerned to report all traffic accidents, and an adequate penalty for failure to report should be provided.

"Reasonable uniformity in reporting and tabulating data is essential, and some competent body should undertake the compilation of standard definitions of terms.

"Sufficiently detailed information should be gathered to indicate clearly whether the accidents occurred because of: Recklessness, carelessness or incapacity of persons; fault of mechanism of vehicle; physical conditions of the locality where the accident occurred.

Urges Spot Maps.

The committee includes 18 items of information which should be obtained to constitute an adequate report.

Spot maps, to detect danger points and to serve as a basis for remedial action, should be maintained.

The experience of the committee led its members to express the hope that its report "will lead to improvement in the field of traffic accident reporting; that it will stimulate the governmental agencies and the various private organizations interested in a more intensive study . . . and greater efforts."

In its study of fatal accidents the committee found from the records of the census bureau that highway fatalities are growing at a more rapid rate than accidental deaths from all causes and that automobile fatalities are growing more rapidly than highway fatalities as a whole. For example, the total number of accidental deaths increased 10.7 per cent between 1922 and 1923, whereas the total number of highway fatalities increased 17.3 per cent, and automobile fatalities increased 20.3 per cent.

Westminster Cathedral to Have Open-Air Altar

London.—An open-air altar and pulpit equipped with loud speakers is being erected just outside Westminster cathedral, so that thousands of persons participating in processions and overflow meetings will be able to hear the preacher's voice.

Cardinal Bourne, making this announcement at the annual meeting of the Catholic Evidence guild, said the cathedral was not sufficient on certain occasions of the year, and that the whole of the land around the cathedral would be leveled and cleared to provide for overflow meetings.

Horse Finds Mate

Atchison, Kan.—There apparently is such a thing as horse sense after all. A horse belonging to James Wagner, Atchison county farmer, became imprisoned in a deserted barn. For three days the horse was missing, until Wagner became attracted by the fact that the horse's mate continued to peer through the cracks in the old barn, and found the horse imprisoned inside.

PIGEON VETERANS OF WAR HAVE HOME

Two of the Birds Carry the Scars of Battle.

Los Angeles, Cal.—A home for United States army carrier pigeons, veterans of the World war, has been established here at the army pigeon loft at Ross field, Ardenla.

Included among the 200 birds at the home, all of which saw service overseas, are three honor birds, so distinguished because of their exceptional performances in action.

Two of these, President Wilson and The Mocker, carry scars of battle. President Wilson sacrificed a leg and The Mocker an eye in the light for victory.

The third bird hero at the home, Spike, appears none the worse for his wartime experiences. His claim to fame lies in his record of having carried 51 messages of importance without being injured.

Ray R. Dellmeyer, pigeon expert in charge of the army lofts, considers these birds heroes no less than the former soldiers.

President Wilson, a slate-colored homer of great vitality and rapidity of flight, was first used in the tank corps. His work was so well done he was transferred to the Meuse-Argonne sector and stationed at Cobry. About five o'clock one rainy morning he returned from his second flight in this sector with his leg shot off. He had brought important messages at a speed of almost a mile a minute.

On the morning of September 12, 1918, The Mocker arrived at his station with one eye destroyed and his head a welter of blood. The message tube he carried contained information of great importance and gave the locations of several heavy artillery batteries which the Germans had been using effectively on the American troops.

The American artillerymen had every enemy gun in that sector silenced within twenty minutes after The Mocker arrived. Thus The Mocker was credited with saving many American lives.

There also are a few German carrier pigeons at the home. They were captured from the enemy. Dellmeyer says these birds will be used for breeding and development, as they have proved superior to other varieties.

Make Two Railroad Ties Where We Now Make One

Syracuse, N. Y.—How to make two railroad cross-ties where we now make one is told by Prof. Nelson C. Brown, head of the department of wood utilization, New York state college of forestry, Syracuse university.

The system explained by Professor Brown is the one generally followed in Europe. Railroad ties in Europe are narrower on the top than on the bottom. In the United States ties are largely cut square. This sort of tie is probably more serviceable than the European type, but the United States may soon be forced to follow the European method due to the shortage of timber, or find a substitute for wood ties which has not been possible up to the present time.

In Europe the log from which ties are cut is trimmed on two sides only. In America the log is trimmed on four sides to make one square tie. By trimming the log on only two sides and cutting it through the center two ties are obtained. The diameter of the log represents the under surface of the tie and the trimmed sides represent the upper side upon which the rail rests.

From trees 12 inches in diameter two ties with a 12-inch base are thus obtained. Trees 16 inches in diameter yield four ties by the same system of trimming and cutting the log twice, through two diameters at right angles. According to the usual method in the United States a 14-inch log, trimmed on four sides, will produce only one tie with a 10-inch base.

The United States is the greatest user of wood ties in the world.

Girl Student Forgets She Is Heiress to \$250,000

Berkeley, Cal.—When Rudolph Banning, wealthy San Francisco and Honolulu resident, died a year ago, he left one-quarter of his \$1,000,000 estate to his niece, Miss Ida Eleanor Weaver, University of California student. It was learned here. When questioned about it, Miss Weaver said she had been so interested in her studies she "had almost forgotten about it." Miss Weaver, who is a premedical student, said she is looking forward to founding a hospital after her graduation.

London Girl Goes to Show; Checks Weapon

London.—The police are trying to solve the mystery of a fashionably dressed and pretty young woman, both haired and hatless, who casually checked a parcel in the cloakroom of Daly's theater. A curious cloakroom attendant opened the package and found a live bomb of a well-known variety used by the British Tommies in the trenches during the war. The woman asked an usher to bring the parcel to her seat during the midst of the performance, but the bomb had already been given to the police. The woman left the theater unobserved.

The Scrap Book

Sea Serpents Seized Steamship in Straits

Although sea serpents are now generally conceded to belong only to the world of fables, there are approximately 50 species of snakes that make their home in salt water, some of them attaining a length of several feet. They are poisonous, according to Popular Mechanics Magazine, and although timid under ordinary conditions have been known to attack savagely when disturbed. When the steamship Ikuta dropped anchor in the Straits of Malacca not long ago, it roused a school of salt-water reptiles that swarmed on board, crawling up the chains and hawsers. The ship was reported to have been held up several days before the snakes could be driven away. In many respects these reptiles resemble the land varieties, but have broad paddle-shaped tails, which enable them to swim rapidly after small fish.

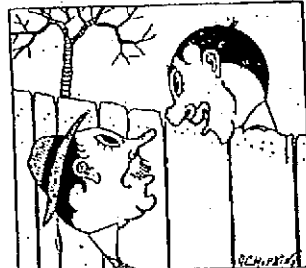
American Population Has Drifted to Cities

At the birth of the American nation 130 years ago, its largest city had not more than 43,000 inhabitants and only one person out of thirty lived in the six towns of 8,000 or more inhabitants. Abram L. Harris, Jr., writes in Current History Magazine. In 1890 there were in the United States only six cities whose population was over 5,000 and these contained only 4 per cent of the population of the entire country. In 1900 there were 547 such cities, which at this time contained 32.9 per cent of the country's population. But in 1920 the number of such cities had increased to 924 and contained 43.8 per cent of the total population. Today nearly one-half of the American population lives in places of over 2,500 inhabitants, a tenth in villages and hardly more than two-fifths in the open country.

Mail Clerk in Luck

A few weeks ago a registered letter containing \$8,000 was sent from a firm in New York to a bank in Augusta, Maine. On failure to arrive in Augusta an inspector traced it to a point on a Maine railroad. The mail clerk to whom it must have been delivered was faced with the charge of theft. He asked permission to search his car on the mail train that he had worked on. Under observation he was allowed to do so. After a long search and just at the moment when he was about to give up in despair, the clerk happened to glance down behind some steam pipes and picked up the letter. The car in which it had rested had been used for weeks on different parts of the system.

MATRI-MONY



"No, sir! No more loans! I haven't a single dollar!"
"Well, if all your dollars have taken unto themselves mates, I wouldn't think of separating them—let's have a couple."

Here's Singing Rat

One of the families of Anderson are being regaled every night by a singing rat, says an Anderson (S. O.) dispatch to the New York World. Each night Archie McConnell and family, who live a short distance from the city, have heard this unusual sound and have finally traced it to a rat.

Mr. McConnell says the notes are not unlike those of a canary bird and they continue for hours at a time, often long after the family has retired. The rat is like an ordinary rat, except, Mr. McConnell says, it has a sort of proboscis which may account for its singing ability.

Lightning Gives Idea

At a carnival in northern England a tent in which a wireless concert was in progress was struck by lightning. The canvas was split, but the most curious effect was that the dark brown stockings and green blouse worn by one of the women in the tent were bleached white. Such a happening suggests that scientists might profitably investigate the possibility of adapting electricity for bleaching purposes.

Sea Monster Dragged Boat

A sea monster measuring 17 feet in length and 12 feet in girth, and weighing nearly two tons, was captured at Simon's Town, South Africa. When harpooned, this species of sea elephant dragged a 90-foot motorboat two miles and put up a desperate fight before being killed.

Has Variety of Pets

A recent passenger on the Cunarder, Saxonia brought a small Noah's ark cargo to his Canadian farm. It consisted of two geese, two ducks, two owls, eight different kinds of cage birds in pairs, and a pair of white mice.

DRUDGERY

The weary tasks, the dreary tasks, the tasks of every day,
The tasks without a gleam of gold to gleam upon their gray;
Dishpan and broom, tub and broom, till darkness falls—and then
Dawn, and the dreary, weary round of leaden tasks again.

The common tasks, the simple tasks my hands have learned by heart,
The tasks wherein my busy brain no longer bears a part;
Dreary indeed, if idle brain must lag on, loiter-wise,
Forgotten whims a-dragging, and ashes in its eyes!

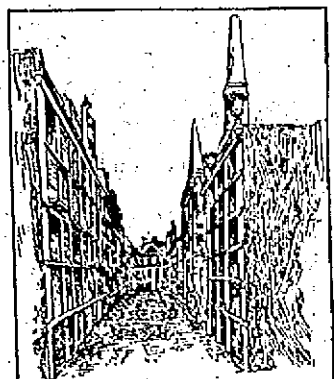
But happy tasks the daily tasks my hands can do for me,
If I set them going at my work and let my soul fly free,
I set them going at their work, and float in skies of flame,
And sail on shining silver to shores without a name.

I climb my childhood's fairy hills and pluck the laurel flowers;
I weave a web of purple thoughts across the dusty hours;
I play with olden golden words that men have made before,
And hang them for a lighted lamp above my kitchen door.

Ah, happy tasks, and blessed tasks, and tasks that set me free,
When my hands are in the compass and my soul is on the sea!
—Florence Crannell Means, in Crit.

Lie Above Ground in New Orleans Cemetery

As New Orleans is built on land which is below the level of the Mississippi there is difficulty in burying the dead in ordinary graves, owing to the water seepage. So the plan has been adopted of placing the bodies in



Like a City Street.

masonry vaults built in rows, and one above another, as shown in the picture. The idea was borrowed from Europe, where it has long been in use. The most extensive and famous cemetery of this sort in the world is in Genoa, Italy, where the vaults, each one with a holy in it, and sealed up, stretch in almost endless succession. —Pathfinder Magazine.

Surveying the Seas

Plans for the most complete survey of the ocean ever attempted have been inaugurated by a conference representing scientific branches of the United States government and allied institutions.

One or more ships, says London Tit-Bits, will be fitted out with a complete laboratory and equipped with the latest scientific apparatus for the first cruise. The sea bottom will not only be mapped, but the composition of the water, its density, temperature and currents, which affect the distribution of marine plant and animal life, will be studied at all depths.

Five-sevenths of the surface of the earth is covered by water. This water area can produce more food than all the land can ever be made to yield, and one of the purposes of the expedition will be to take an inventory of such food possibilities.

Twenty Tame Eels

A lady in New Zealand has a family of 20 eels.

In the first place she beguiled a very shy eel by feeding it daily with boiled rice or cooked meat, until it would eat from her hand.

The eel seems to have quickly spread the news of its good fortune, and others followed its example, so that now 20 eels wriggle out of the water every day in search of food and allow the woman to touch them.

Snake Invaded Auto

A four-foot huss snake short-circuited the battery in the automobile of G. W. Barnes of Griswold, Iowa, and caused considerable trouble before being discovered. When the car would not start Barnes blamed it on the batteries, but when this proved a mistake he lifted the hood to inspect the wiring. As he did so the snake attempted to strike. Barnes fled and friends killed the reptile.

The Way of an Eagle

An eagle winging eight feet from wing-tip to wing-tip is reported from Chatham, Ontario, to have swooped down upon a golf course, clutched a boy of fourteen, and lifted him five feet into the air. The boy's clothing gave way and he dropped to the ground.

Even Cider Will Turn

Leon Hall of South Wheelock was injured a few days ago when, as he was opening a cider barrel, the top flew up and struck him in the throat, cutting a deep gash. Several stitches had to be taken.—St. Albans Messenger.

Odds and Ends

Long, Short and Broad were the names of three Bilgians in a New York court.

Trade in Human Heads

Recognized as Legal

For a hundred dollars New Yorkers can buy a human head, shrunken and shriveled. These heads are smuggled into the United States from Ecuador, where they are contraband. Immediately they reach American shores they become legal merchandise, says an article in an English paper.

The Jivaro Indians, of which there are 15,000 in the oriental region of Ecuador, have been cutting off the heads of their enemies and their own dead for years, and pickling them in a secret preparation only known to their own savage tribes. The heads, after treatment, shrink from natural size to a grisly miniature about three by two inches in size.

A hunter is said to have a representative in Ecuador who regularly ships these heads to Panama City, because there is no legitimate market for them in the cities of Ecuador. In America, however, they have a ready sale. Prompted by some morbid instinct, American women of fashion pay prices ranging from \$250 to \$350 for each grisly specimen.

The market is so brisk in America now that the demand is far in excess of the supply, and standing orders are left by New York dealers with agents, who find difficulty in coping with the insatiable trade.

In appearance the heads are misshapen, and are generally covered with rich, black, abundant hair, some with red and yellow tawny feathers in the ears.

A peculiar feature of the dried heads is that the hair is said to continue to grow. In the Bishop museum in Honolulu the hair on one of the heads grew over an inch in length after its acquisition.

The Root of Corruption

The late Charles F. Murphy, the Tammany chieftain, used to tell a story to illustrate the corrupting power of money.

"A New York man"—so his story would run—"attended a colored church in Nola Chucky one Sunday morning while traveling in the South, and put a \$20 bill in the collection plate.

"At this the collector gave a great start. He rushed the plate, with its little heap of coppers and its clean, crisp yellow banknote, up to the pulpit. There he and the preacher and a couple of deacons conversed excitedly in hissing whispers for some time.

"Finally the collector tipped down to the New York man and muttered in his ear:

"Boss, when is yo' gwine ter leave town?"

"This afternoon," said the New Yorker.

"Well, boss," whispered the collector, "we all's done decided to go pass her if you don't say nuffin'. Dere ain't a man in Nola Chucky could tell her from a good one."

Bobbed Hair Long Ago

"The new woman" will no longer be able to employ as a sign of her emancipation a bobbed head of hair. It has just been discovered in the little town of Wilmington, Northhamptonshire, that this fashion is at least five hundred years old. The restoration of the parish church there has revealed a painting depicting women with their hair bobbed in the style of 1921.

Hidden under coating of thin plaster were discovered wall paintings representing the resurrection and the judgment. The plaster has now been carefully removed to show the decorations. Most of the figures in the paintings are women. Some have their hair falling about the shoulders, but the artist has given the majority short hair, cut exactly in the manner of the modern girl's coiffure.

The vicar, Rev. C. L. Drew, believes the paintings are of the same age as the church, which was built in 1350.

Electricity on Submarines

The electric storage battery is the thing that has made the submarine possible. When these under-sea boats are cruising on the surface of the water they are driven by steam or gas engines but when they dive toward Davy Jones' locker the engines are stopped and electric motors using energy drawn from the storage batteries keep the propellers whirling. When back on the surface the engines also drive electric dynamos which recharge the storage batteries. On board the U. S. S. V-1, recently launched at the Portsmouth (N. H.) navy yard, practically all of the work is done electrically save propelling the ship when surface cruising.

Strong Argument

"Mother" Ware of Hollywood is strong for the old sturdy Puritan stock, the good old days, and all the other traditions on which the greatness of the nation rests. Jean, her daughter-in-law, is quite the reverse, which creates an ever fertile field for controversy.

"I don't think so much of the men of today," remarked "Mother" Ware recently. "They are too wishy washy. Now, our forefathers were men of iron nerve."

"Oh, I don't know so much about that," retorted Jean. "None of them ever tried to kiss a girl and break a speed law at the same time."—Los Angeles Times.

Children Cry
FOR FLETCHER'S
CASTORIARussian Children Have
Brief Carefree Moments

Presently there came to us the sound of a tinblowing and the singing of youthful voices. The children who had been standing in groups listening to their wrangling elders dashed joyously into the street. Nikifor looked his arm into mine and bade me follow him. Soon there passed before us a procession of young people headed by the village band—an accordion and a tambourine. The girls followed directly behind the players. They were in holiday attire, white waists, neat little aprons, some in big shoes, others barefooted. They walked arm in arm with one another. The boys, also in Sunday clothes, trailed after them. They were all singing in lusty resonant voices an age-old melody of a Cossack killing a gipsy who threatened to steal his sweetheart. It was to me a beautiful and thrilling sight—these boys and girls, barefoot, many of them, in old though freshly laundered clothes, walking briskly and in step, oblivious or unmindful of the cares that pressed with brutal agony upon their fathers, and giving themselves with joyous abandon to song and play, and it made me forget for the moment the ugly mind, the dingy hovels and the multitude of emaciated souls walling with sullen phlegm at the fate that had befallen them.—Maurice G. Hinthus in the Yale Review.

Machine Puts on Record

Development of Plants

A wonderful machine has been invented which measures the growth of plants. A small thread connects the plant with the apparatus, which consists of an electrical battery and a drum which revolves slowly.

Above this drum is a pen worked by electricity. As the plant grows the thread slackens, and causes a connection between the battery and pen. The latter drops onto the drum and makes a mark. At the same time a small rod is pushed up, which tightens the string again. Thus the drum shows the growth of the plant over a given period, and information is obtained showing the effect of heat and light upon various specimens.

It has been proved that most plants grow more rapidly at night, and this fact has been of great assistance to those engaged in forcing the growth of flowers and vegetables.

Torpedo

It is curious that a projectile which is famous for its swift action once it is started on its way should have been derived from the word "torpid." But "torpid" is the origin of our word "torpedo."

The word "torpid" has two meanings. One is "what the word generally designates—lack of motion or feeling. The other is, by association, a kind of racing boat used at Oxford university. The torpedo is in no sense a racing boat, but it is in no sense torpid once it is set in motion to do its deadly work.

Only before it has been fired is the torpedo a torpid or inactive object. After that simple process has been performed it is, generally speaking, as effective as lightning when it strikes.—Chicago Journal.

Collector's Queer Hobby

The world is full of "collectors." Collectors of stamps, coins, spoons, autographs, etc., etc., and now comes the collection of beer bottle labels. A London dealer recently offered for sale, for \$275, 10,000 beer-bottle labels, carefully preserved in 15 albums. They comprise fine clean specimens from nearly every brewery in the world, of beautiful design and artistic merit. A noted collector has spent 50 years in traveling and getting them together. Many of the breweries represented have been closed down, and the brands are obsolete.

Oldest Juniper Tree

What is believed to be the oldest juniper tree in the world is now being protected by the forest service of the United States Department of Agriculture. The tree is in northern Utah, and a careful examination shows the age of the tree to be not less than 3,000 years, thus placing it on a par with the big redwood trees in California. The diameter, breast high, is 7 feet 6 inches and the height is 42 feet. The forest service has erected a sign near the tree, giving the interesting facts about the age-old veteran.—Daymen's League News.

Flowers Show Emotions

Experiments made at the Jardin d'Acclimatation de Paris have, according to the Medical Journal and Record, demonstrated that flowers are almost as quick to show signs of displeasure as human beings.

Most people know what it is to arrange two kinds of blossoms in a vase and then to find a few hours later that the blossoms are drooping. In most cases this is due to the fact that flowers object to being associated with one another. Separate the blossoms and, in a short while, they will be as fresh as ever.

The Reason

Brown and Jones, at the club, were lamenting the absence of their mutual friend Robinson, who had got married.

"We don't see much of Robinson now," said Brown. "I fancy his movements are not so free as they used to be."

"That's true," replied Jones. "Since he tied the knot he's not had so much rope."

Ordeal of "Trial by
Touch" Long Popular

This was an ancient superstition, although not entirely confined to Scotland. Andrew Smeaton was charged in 1836 with the murder of a man found dead in Beinnlaw Moss. At the request of his mother, the laird of Abercrombie, he touched the corpse as the others assembled had done.

He even went further and "lifted him up and embraced him in his arms, and willingly offered to remain a space in grave with him." As no blood followed on this contact, he was held innocent, as no doubt he was.

In 1614, four men were drowned by the upsetting of their boat in a calm. Marion Peckles, a noted witch, was charged with having changed herself, into a porpoise, and under this form to have wrecked the boat. Conclusive proof was obtained when at her touch "one bled at the collar-bone, another in the hand and fingers; gushing out blood thereat to the great admiration of the beholders and revelation of the judgment of the Almighty."

Another noted witch, Christiane Wilson, quarreled with her brother. One day in 1831 he was found dead in his own house, naked, and with a "bloodless brow" on his face. Christiane was suspected. The laird and ministers bled her to the dead man's house. As she touched the corpse the blood gushed out, staining her fingers. She was condemned.

Arabians Can Have at

Least One Good Laugh

A naturalist recently returned from Arabia has described to a learned society a plant called the "laughing cactus." The plant gets its name from the fact that anyone eating its seed gives way for some minutes afterward to immoderate laughter, frequently ending in nervous prostration.

The natives of the district in which the plant flourishes dig the seeds and grind them into powder, which they keep, and on suitable occasions administer to those against whom they have a real or fancied grievance.

An overdose may result in temporary loss of reason, following which the victim falls into a deep sleep, awakening with no memory of his curious conduct.

Fish's Deadly Tail

A fish which can emulate some of the feats of a rodeo has been captured in the English channel, and is now in the Brighton aquarium. The tail of the fish, which is known as the sting ray, is long and flexible and armed with a lengthy projecting spine, sharply pointed and furnished along both edges with razor-sharp, saw-like teeth. When attacked, the sting ray suddenly throws this whip-like tail, with unerring precision, around the offender, in loose fashion, and, holding the victim tightly against the barbed spine, wields this weapon with such ferocious strength and rapidity that it liquefies the flesh to a frightful extent.

NOT DELICATE ENOUGH



"There's been a great drop in prices."

"So? None of the seismographs have reported the shock, however, I'm sure."

White Blueberries

White strawberries, white currants and white raspberries are not uncommon, but it remains for the town of Whitteville, Maine, to have the distinction of having white blueberries growing within its limits, says the Boston Globe. This freak of nature occurs on land owned by Newell Albee, who is very careful of his treasure and allows only a very few to be picked.

Garden Curiosities

The latest addition to this season's garden freaks was found by Arthur C. Miller of Auburn, N. Y., when in digging potatoes he found one spud affectionately wrapped around the end of a horse bit. Another unusual specimen in his garden is a squash vine which has produced two squashes, one of the green variety, the other yellow.

French Eat More Meat

Industrial and agricultural workers in France are eating more meat than ever before, while people in easy circumstances are following hygienists' advice to consume less flesh.

Five Calves Born to Cow

A mixed Jersey and Shorthorn cow owned by A. Kaldenburg at Colfax, Iowa, gave birth to five calves. However, the mother and all her offspring died.

Children Cry for Fletcher's



The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over thirty years, has borne the signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* on the wrapper all these years just to protect the coming generations. Do not be deceived. All Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but Experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment.

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Dog Kills Pet Fawn

Charlottesville, N. J.—Because an eight-week-old fawn had the affections of children of Thomas W. Kelly, superintendent of the Newark waterworks, a wire-haired terrier, driven to desperation by jealousy, killed the fawn. The dog followed the deer into the woods near the Kelly home and attacked it. The dog was called off, but the fawn did not survive.

Vine Grows Lost Ring

Sullivan, Mo.—A gold ring lost 50 years ago was found by Mrs. C. C. Rose growing on the end of a potato vine in her garden. Initials revealed the identity of the owner as Mrs. J. A. Dotter. It came off her finger in washing dishes and she threw it away with the dishwasher.

Country Uses Much Chromite

Use of chromite by American leather and steel industries has made the United States the world's largest consumer of the mineral.

Indian Superstition

The Indians believe that a fish buried in the corn hill gives a better yield of corn.

Cause of Writer's Cramp

Writer's cramp has been defined as an occupational neurosis to which those who do too much writing, especially with the hand too tightly contracted, are liable. A person with the trouble has no control over the muscles of the thumb and middle and fore fingers, although other manual operations are performed without difficulty. The affection seldom manifests itself till toward middle age.

Earliest Anesthetic

Ether was the earliest-known anesthetic. It was discovered probably as far back as the Thirteenth century. For a long time it was supposed to contain sulphur, and hence the name "sulphuric ether" was applied to it. Its true composition was established by Saussure (1807) and by Gay-Lussac (1815). Later Williamson explained its formation and chemical constitution.

Sandals Caused Scandals

Several amusing incidents have occurred since the recently discovered mosaics at the Chapter house, Westminster, England, were opened to the public. At first visitors had to remove their shoes and assume sandals. One absent-minded man walked into the street still wearing his sandals; while another visitor found a dilapidated pair of shoes left in place of his perfectly sound pair. Such mistakes are now obviated by the sandals being placed over the footwear.

After Many Days

A man left his umbrella in a carriage on an English railroad some months ago. The other week, while traveling on another line he came across it on the rack of the carriage in which he was traveling.

Sisters' Triple Wedding

Three orphan sisters—the Misses Mary, Lily, and Teresa Joyce—were all married at the same time at St. Mary's Roman Catholic church, Blackburn, England.

Uninvited Guest

A live knish was found recently in Lord Rosbery's bedroom in his house at Green Surrey.

Special Bargains

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AMONG MY BOOKS

How I should like to meet in books
The normal folk I really know for
The man, less cryptic than he looks.
The woman, generally dumber;
The little child, untried, wild—
To find the brilliance reconciled!

How comfortably to sit me down
Among my peers, nor dread the
Whooop
Of cowboy, Indian or clown—
To sip a plate of blubber soup;
"Far from the maddening crowd" of
Freaks

To listen while a brother speaks!
No little museum marvels new,
No nature faker's caravans,
No dog-faced boy to back "how-wow!"
No monkey chattering like a man—
And oh, "twice best of all to hear
That thirty's neither old nor queer!"

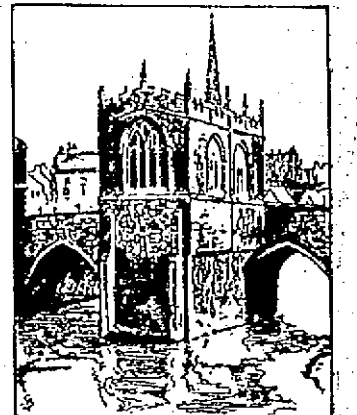
"A tear bedimmed her mild old eye."
Or, "Her magnetic days were done"—
These are the things they say, but why?
For "She" was only thirty-one,
On realism real indeed—
"A feast of reason" I would feed!
—Georgiana Mills, in New York Post.

Quaint Old Structure

Again House of God

An interesting ceremony was performed at Rotherham, England, a short time ago, when the historic Chapel on the Bridge, built in the Fifteenth century, and unique in many respects, was reconsecrated by the bishop of Sheffield.

The only bridge chapel comparable with the Rotherham structure is at Wakefield, but while the latter has been rebuilt from the level of the bridge during the last century, the



Rotherham Chapel.

fabric of the Rotherham chapel is practically the same as when it was built in 1483.

Since the dissolution of chantries at the period of the Reformation, the Rotherham chapel has passed through varying vicissitudes, having been used as an almshouse, a jail and more recently a tobaccocon's shop.

The chapel is now to be used for the purposes for which it was originally built.

Poor Pork

President Coolidge of the American Snuff company said at a dinner in New York:

"The snuff business is good when the cotton crop is good. The snuff-taker, you see, must have money to pay for his snuff, for the price never goes down.

"If a dealer offers you cheap snuff, tell him the story of the butcher's little boy.

"Now, Willie," his school teacher said to the butcher's little boy, 'suppose your father had a pig weighing 145 pounds and sold it for 6 cents a pound, what would it be worth?'

"The butcher's little boy sneered disgustfully.

"It wouldn't be worth a d—n," he said."

Office in the Air

What is claimed to be the first office in the air is in use on the trans-American air line between New York and San Francisco, over which flies an airway inspector who supervises the maintenance of the guiding signs and lights along the 3,000 miles route. The machine has a desk, chairs, and table, and the inspector is accompanied by a clerk, who operates a typewriter while in flight.

Still Chasing the Pest

Paris green as a mosquito exterminator is being tried out by the United States Department of Agriculture. The paris green has been dusted on swampy land by airplanes, the experiment being made in Louisiana. In this experiment the paris green was diluted with road dust or some similar substance such as tripoli.

Largest Warehouse

The largest warehouse in the United States has just been completed in Cincinnati. It stretches over two blocks, is 614 feet long and 175 feet wide, has seven floors and contains over 9,100,000 square feet of floor space. It has 250 concrete pillars and cost \$3,500,000.

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Now France fears a "commercial war" with Germany. That's better than a military war. Especially for the ultimate consumer.
Theatre men are complaining that the crossword puzzle craze keeps people at home. That's reprehensible, but it may result in better plays.
Statistics show that it costs more than three times as much to build a house today as it did in 1913. It would seem that these monumental prices ought to show some signs of coming down, but the signs are not observable at present writing. The high prices have caused a lull in building in many parts of the country.
American investors in the last few weeks have received the nice little sum of \$750,000,000 on their foreign loans. The foreign loans the past year reached nearly two billions of dollars, and still American investors have money to loan to foreigners with good security. The time is not far distant when the inhabitants of the United States will be the bankers of the world.

A BIG FIGHT OVER THE CHILD LABOR AMENDMENT

The battle over the child labor amendment is going to be fought harder than friends of the amendment expected. The result may be decided this winter by the 38 state legislatures which meet in January. And in most of those legislatures the lines will be closely drawn.

Three states have rejected the amendment already. They are Georgia, North Carolina and Louisiana. To these may be added Massachusetts, whose referendum in the recent election went against the amendment, though official action is still to be taken by the Legislature. Only one state, Arkansas, has rallied so far.

It was assumed that the North would be nearly all for the amendment and the South solidly against it. The upsetting of calculations will add interest and fervor to the campaign waged during the winter.

Factory and farm present the big obstacles in this effort to give children greater freedom and opportunity. Both want their labor; and in each case, many parents want their children's earnings.

The factory argument is perhaps easier to meet than the farm argument. The big majority of people will admit, whether they act on the admission or not, that factory work is bad for children.

INJUNCTIONS ASKED FOR

The New Haven Railroad is going to fight the bus lines in New England. It has made application to the Superior Court in Providence for an injunction against fifteen bus lines operating in this state, carrying passengers out of the state. The New-Haven line to Fall River escapes in this list. The line the road seeks to enjoin are two lines between Boston and Providence; one line between Worcester and Providence; two lines between Fall River and Providence; three lines between Attleboro and Providence; the Woonsocket and Boston line; the Taunton and Providence line; the Springfield and Providence line; the New London and Providence which stops at Westerly; the Hartford and Providence line; the Southbridge and Providence line; and the Pawtucket and Fall River line. These lines if allowed to continue to operate, will greatly injure the New Haven road, and in our opinion should not be allowed to do business in a territory already well covered by the steam road.

TAXES REDUCED ONE HUNDRED MILLIONS

Reduction of income and war taxes by Congress last spring cost the government nearly \$100,000,000 in revenue during the first five months of the operation of the new law, the internal revenue bureau reports.

Income taxes collected in the period July 1 to December 1, totalled \$453,758,074, a decrease of \$31,000,000 as compared with the same period last year.

Miscellaneous taxes formerly including many war time taxes which were abolished by the new law, totalled \$375,818,811, a decrease of \$67,000,000.

The only sizeable increase was in collection of taxes on dues of athletic, social and sporting organizations which jumped \$277,000 to a total of \$8,000,000.

LARGEST MAJORITY EVER GIVEN ANY PRESIDENT

President Coolidge's official majority over his Democratic opponent was 7,339,827 at the late election. His vote was 15,718,789; Davis had 8,378,962 votes, and La Follette had 4,822,319 votes. Coolidge carried every northern state except Oklahoma, which went for Davis, and Wisconsin, which went alone for La Follette. Coolidge carried the southern state of Kentucky by 24,111 majority. Coolidge rolled up the tremendous majority of 992,239 in Pennsylvania. The majority for Coolidge exceeded that of Harding four years ago, and was the largest ever given any Presidential candidate.

PROHIBITION COSTS MONEY

Automobiles numbering 3214 and valued at \$3,226,330 were seized by prohibition authorities in the last fiscal year the House has been informed in a table inserted in the report on the treasury-post office appropriation bill by Assistant Prohibition Commissioner Jones. Boats and launches seized during the year numbered 226 and were valued at \$279,198. Two agents were killed in the performance of duty and 28 were injured. Persons arrested numbered 105,161.

THE BEST WAY TO CURE A COLD

The weary doctor looked at his patient.

"Well," he drawled, "of course if your insurance is all paid up and you want to gamble, go ahead and stay up. You might just possibly get away with it. But if you'll put that cold to bed for about 24 hours, you won't be taking fool chances. It seems to be a fact that the more activity of being up and about makes the kind of cold you've got spread through your system. Take about one more trip down town in your present state, and I'll have a real job here. Pneumonia and a trained nurse, and all the frills, including, quite likely, the undertaker."

All colds should be put to bed for one day, say the doctors with most wisdom and experience. One's own forces will break up the cold if they are given a chance to work at that job exclusively for a short time. But when one's forces are driven over their accustomed path in spite of the cold, they have no extra margin to fight the cold with. Mr. Cold wins the first battle and, instead of a day, hangs on for a week or more. Some times he hangs on all winter.

Moreover, the fellow with the cold manages to infect a dozen others while going his rounds. The epidemic spreads, with its attendant losses of comfort, money, sometimes health and far too often, life itself.

Put the cold to bed for 24 hours. The office can spare you one day better than it can stand an epidemic. You are not so important. Try it.

BUSINESS OUTLOOK BETTER THAN FOR YEARS

At the beginning of the new year the general business outlook is more favorable than it has been at any similar time since the war. The way has been prepared for broadly diffused progress in industry and trade. The resulting prosperity, therefore, should be well sustained. But a possible headless enthusiasm, by inducing a renewal of general inflation of credit and prices, could make certain its early passing.

The most important favorable factors in the present situation include:

1. Good harvests and the improved relation between prices of farm products and of industrial commodities.
2. A sound banking condition and easy money rates.
3. Confidence that business will be encouraged by fiscal economy and further reduction of taxes, and for some years at least by freedom from new meddlesome interference by governmental agencies.
4. The successful inauguration of the Dawes plan, with its promise of increasingly stable economic conditions in Europe and further expansion of American foreign trade.

Certain obstacles to progress must be recognized, however. Continuing irregularities such, for example, as the excessively high costs of production in some industries, have harmful effects outside the industries immediately concerned.

GOVERNOR POTHIER'S STAFF

Governor Pothier has selected his personal staff, all of whom are World War veterans. They are Major Arthur C. Cole of North Providence, Lieut. Fred R. Thurber of Providence, Capt. John F. Datson of Westerly, First Lieut. John R. Hess, Jr., of Providence, First Lieut. Arthur M. Carignan of Woonsocket, and Second Lieut. Vernon R. Wixon of Cranston.

Congressman Clark Burdick and his secretary, Mr. Henry S. Wheeler, are spending the Christmas holidays in Newport.

Mr. and Mrs. William Cotton of New York are visiting Mrs. William H. Cotton in this city.

Weekly Calendar DECEMBER 1921

	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
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First quarter, Sat., 11th morning
Full moon, 11th, 2nd morning
Last quarter, 19th, 3rd morning
New moon, 27th, 1st evening

Deaths.

In this city, 26th inst., James infant son of James and Catherine Roche.
In this city, 26th inst., Geneva, wife of Ernest C. Thomas, in her 51st year.
In this city, 21st inst., William H. Bone, in his 63rd year.
In this city, 22d inst., Anna Craig Woods, wife of Frank Lloyd Carr, in her 52nd year.
In this city, 24th inst., Orris A. Blaisdell.
In this city, 24th inst., Sarah Jane Card Lawren, wife of Thomas Lawren.
In this city, Dec. 13, Clara L. wife of Alfred Tuckerman, in her 81st year.
In Tiverton, R. I., Dec. 13, Mary Eliza, wife of B. Frank Macomber, in her 65th year.
In North Tiverton, R. I., 21st inst., Joseph F. Johnston, in his 83rd year.
In Boston, Mass., December 21, Mary J., widow of Louis Payne, aged 73 years.

FOSTER'S WEATHER BULLETIN

Washington, December 27, 1921—Week following date of this Bulletin is expected to average about normal temperatures and precipitation in southern and eastern sections; below normal temperatures and above normal precipitation in central, northern and western sections and southeastern coast states; below normal temperature and about normal precipitation west of Rockies crest and in Alberta. Temperature extremes and storm force will be moderate excepting in southeastern coast states, which are expected to receive the effects of a moderate storm from the direction of the West Indies during this period.

Crop weather of January is expected to be about the ten year average generally; precipitation will cover about the same areas covered by December precipitation, but will be more scattered and less in amount. Greatest temperature extremes and precipitation to accompany storm waves of 17 and 21.

Argentine crop weather for January is expected to be a little above normal in precipitation and about to a little below normal temperature, with increase of precipitation in their southern grain sections, where it is reported to be needed most. This will be favorable to their corn crop, which needs rain during this period, but will be slightly unfavorable to their wheat crop, which will be in the midst of harvest. Grain prices have not suffered for want of an incentive to climb upward during the past several months. Favorable crop news does not appear to register. Reported floods in southern Russia indicate that drought predicted for northern Europe and Asia for the present winter is being verified as correct. It will probably be impossible to ascertain approximate conditions of crops of these countries until well into their 1922 season. I believe that grain produced in northern Europe during 1922 will be considerably below the ten year average in quantity and quality. Western Europe will fare better but their coming spring and summer will be too wet for best results.

Storm wave of January 24 centers on the date of the total eclipse of the sun, therefore, I do not believe that it is likely that the eclipse will be seen clearly, if at all, west of a line extending from the southern point of Hudson Bay to New Orleans, then Windsor, Ontario, Columbus, Ohio, and Birmingham, Alabama. A fairly clear atmosphere is expected east of that line, the farther east the clearer; as most of the scientific men who are interested in viewing this eclipse will converge near and east of New York City, they will probably have very good conditions under which to work.

DOWN WITH THE BILLBOARDS

One more estate has joined the group of commonwealths banning billboards on public highways. A law to this end has just become effective in Iowa and has received the approval of the National Association of Real Estate Boards.

Although this action meets the demand of the citizens who would banish billboard, for aesthetic reasons, it was undertaken as a practical public safety measure. It was found that a confusion of advertising signs along many highways obscured the official signs placed to warn of dangerous turning and crossings or to give directions for the traveler.

It is interesting to find real estate men—who have not been wholly innocent in this matter, themselves—taking up the billboard prohibition movement. They now say that the view from any highway does not belong solely to the individual who happens to own that bit of property—it is a community possession, and as such must be prepared for the enjoyment of all who pass that way. Hence, down with the obstructing billboards.

Whatever the declared purpose, inhibiting any billboard's antagonist, it is cheering to the general public to find that all points of view are tending to the same desirable end.

A TERRIFYING CRY

Imagine six dozen infants all crying at once. That would create quite a disturbance in the immediate vicinity. Something similar, yet quite different, occurred recently in a freight depot in a nearby town. A large packing case was being unloaded from a train and as the huge box was turned over a tremendous wail went up from it, startling persons near enough to hear the sound.

The noise was caused by 72 mannequins that had been made to utter their plaintive wail simultaneously by the turning of the packing case. A superstitious and unimformed hearer of this unusual noise might well have imagined strange and terrifying things, including murder and ghosts of evil spirits. Yet one glance at the label would be enough to dispel morbid terrors. That is the way with most superstitions. Their mystery and terror are easily dispelled by a little accurate information.

Balloons of Varied Type

Balloons are of the following types: Free for sport use and training of pilots; kite, observation, or drachen, whichever name may be applied—capable for observation; dirigible (airships) steerable; sounding balloon, pilot balloon, small, one to test air currents or with recording instruments; propaganda balloons, small ones to carry circulars, etc.

Postponed Manners

Little Mariel had been told that it was not polite to take the last biscuit on the plate, but the other morning at breakfast she said, as she reached for it: "Oh, mamma, I'm almost 'larved! I dess I won't be polite today; I'll wait till some day I see not hungry."—Baltimore Sun.

Battery Operates Watch

In France an ingenious jeweler has made a watch that is one of the most unusual articles yet turned out from the watchmaker's bench. It is a watch that is run by a wet battery, which is included in the watch case, and is said to keep perfect time.

Beware of Trees in Storm

The most dangerous place during an electric storm is under a tall tree with heavy foliage, say scientific investigators.

BOSTON MARKET REVIEW

Prepared by the Boston Office of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, U. S. Department of Agriculture

For Week Ending December 20, 1921

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES: Apples closed about steady, with a moderate demand. Supplies of Maine barbed stock were comparatively light. No. 1 Baldwins closed at \$1.40 and No. 2 at \$1.30. Connecticut Golden Wonder at \$1.25-1.35; Spys at \$1.00-1.10, with poor stock low as \$2.00 and Ben Davis at \$2.00-2.50. Street sales of Western boxed stock were light, Maryland closing at \$3.00 for extra quality, \$2.50 for fancy and \$2.00-2.50 for C grades. Potatoes were steady, with market conditions unchanged. Maine 100 lb. sacks of Green Mt. closed at \$1.10-1.15. Demand was limited for the greater part of the week. Midwestern best, No. 1, State 100 lb. sacks of Yellow onions closed steady at \$2.00-3.00, depending on quality and condition. Spanish Valencia sold at \$1.50-1.60 per crate. Conditors in the Conn. Valley show no change, most shippers are waiting for a higher market before offering stock. N. Y. Danish cabbage closed at \$1.10 per cwt. sacked, with fancy stock high as \$1.20. Bulk prices for celery, \$1.10-1.15 for large stock, and \$1.15 for small. Sweet potatoes closed weak at \$1.75-2.00 for N. Y. Hula and Mid. bush. Lampers, Call Jersey featured at \$1.00-1.10. Bulk prices for celery, \$1.10-1.15 for large stock, and \$1.15 for small. Florida 1 1/2 bush. of Florida fancy peppers sold at \$1.00-1.10. N. Y. 2 1/2 crates of celery were about steady at \$2.25 for best.

POULTRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS:

Market for poultry was firm on top grades of storage centralized cars, with the demand centering on these. Fresh and storage chickens have ruled about steady and active, with a few buyers. Prices have shown practically no change and at the close prices were 23-24c for 1921, 20-21c for 1922, 18-19c for 1923, 17-18c for 1924, 16-17c for 1925, 15-16c for 1926, 14-15c for 1927, 13-14c for 1928, 12-13c for 1929, 11-12c for 1930, 10-11c for 1931, 9-10c for 1932, 8-9c for 1933, 7-8c for 1934, 6-7c for 1935, 5-6c for 1936, 4-5c for 1937, 3-4c for 1938, 2-3c for 1939, 1-2c for 1940, 10c for 1941, 9c for 1942, 8c for 1943, 7c for 1944, 6c for 1945, 5c for 1946, 4c for 1947, 3c for 1948, 2c for 1949, 1c for 1950, 10c for 1951, 9c for 1952, 8c for 1953, 7c for 1954, 6c for 1955, 5c for 1956, 4c for 1957, 3c for 1958, 2c for 1959, 1c for 1960, 10c for 1961, 9c for 1962, 8c for 1963, 7c for 1964, 6c for 1965, 5c for 1966, 4c for 1967, 3c for 1968, 2c for 1969, 1c for 1970, 10c for 1971, 9c for 1972, 8c for 1973, 7c for 1974, 6c for 1975, 5c for 1976, 4c for 1977, 3c for 1978, 2c for 1979, 1c for 1980, 10c for 1981, 9c for 1982, 8c for 1983, 7c for 1984, 6c for 1985, 5c for 1986, 4c 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GEORGE LANE

American Owns One of
Canada's Largest Ranches

George Lane, the "Alberta cattle king" who was largely responsible for the purchase by the Prince of Wales of his 100 ranch, Lane is an American by birth and owns the Bar U ranch, one of the largest in Canada.

ANTI-JAP GESTURE
IS HOTLY OPPOSED

Pacific Coast Representatives
Lead in Protesting Britten Res-
olution—Declared Ill-Advised.

Washington.—A resolution proposing a conference of white nations bordering on the Pacific was introduced by Representative Britten, Republican, Illinois, over the protest of a number of his colleagues, including some members from the Pacific coast.

Mr. Britten previously had announced his purpose to make such a proposal, basing his determination, in part, on the attitude of Japan. A number of Western Representatives sought to dissuade him, but he declined to withhold the resolution. The text of the resolution follows:

"Resolved, That for the purpose of promoting a solidarity of the white people of the Pacific, the President be and he is hereby authorized to call a conference of the white nations bordering on the Pacific ocean for the discussion of ways and means for promoting a better economic, commercial and political understanding between said nations."

Representative Johnson, Republican, Washington, who is chairman of the House Immigration Committee, declared Mr. Britten's action "unlucky and ill-considered," and Representative Macfarlane, Republican, California, said that "the thing to be avoided now is the expression of ill-advised opinion based upon a lack of understanding."

Mr. Britten's announcement that he intended to introduce the resolution was made last night before a gathering of West Coast Representatives. In a formal statement today Chairman Johnson declared the meeting "was not held for any such purpose, and to make the Pacific coast delegation a party to such a proposal was an unwarranted procedure."

"I requested Mr. Britten to withhold his proposed resolution, and stated that it was provocative of trouble and would result in no good purpose," he continued. "I find now that I stated the consensus of opinion of practically all senators."

WORLD NEWS IN
CONDENSED FORM

NEW YORK.—Aliens entering last four months numbered 80,000.

BERLIN.—Survey finds chemical weapon will decide future wars.

NEW YORK.—Poultry price panic plot laid to slaughterers by merchants.

JERSEY CITY.—New indictments sought in Weehawken liquor scandal.

ROME.—The Opposition parties passed a resolution expressing disapproval of Premier Mussolini's electoral bill. It is declared that the bill tends to cloud the political issue, and the holding of elections under the conditions announced will be impossible.

NEW YORK.—Labor chiefs attend funeral of President Gompers.

HARRISBURG, Pa.—A freight car, which they said contained \$30,000 worth of whisky, was seized by State police here. The shipment, which was from Baltimore on its way to Atlantic City, was billed as oil.

DEDHAM, Mass.—A verdict of \$10,634,199.07 for the plaintiff was returned by the jury in the \$15,000,000 damage suit brought by George F. Willard against Robert F. Herrick and a group of Boston bankers. Trial of the case in Norfolk Superior Court lasted 184 days.

NEW YORK.—For the first since he was arrested for the murder of Stanford White, Harry Thaw has no indictments hanging over him. The charge of assault and kidnapping, preferred by Frederick Group in 1917, has been dismissed.

PARIS.—Careful inquiry in official and unofficial circles indicates that as matters stand the French will not in the near future make any definite proposal to Washington for an arrangement of the French debt to the United States. In the meantime France is going to try to reach terms of settlement with her debt to England.

HAYASHI REBUKES
NEW WAR JINGOES

Tokio's Ambassador to Britain
Calls United States-Japanese
Relations "Never So Cordial."

DENIES ANIMOSITY EXISTS

Closest Friendship Needed to Main-
tain Peace, He Says—London Uncasy
at Russo-Japanese Treaty Prospect
—Fact About to Be Concluded.

London.—An important pronouncement on Japanese-American relations is made here in the Sunday Times by Baron Hayashi, Japanese ambassador in London. This veteran statesman has been frequently employed previously to put forward unofficially the real views of Tokio.

In his article he rebukes jingoism, both in the United States and Japan, for their propaganda, adding: "Never have American-Japanese relations been more cordial."

He asserts it is preposterous to assume "there is any real feeling of antagonism between the two countries."

"I am confident, very confident, my country's relations with America were never more promising," Hayashi says. Then, commenting on reports that Viscount Kato declined to receive the American fleet, he adds:

"I am certain Japan's reason is only because we have no port, particularly at Yokohama, after the earthquake, able to offer the necessary accommodation."

"I do wish, once and for all, the jingo elements in various countries of the world, my own included, would not always go out of their way to place wrong interpretations on actions taken by Japan and the United States."

"How preposterous it is to assume there is any real feeling of antagonism between the two countries only the heads of those states can say personally, but I know my feelings are shared by the executive heads of my own country."

"I feel that only the closest working friendship between Great Britain, America and Japan and other powers can maintain the peace which we all so badly need. I am perhaps not giving any secret away when I say that when Secretary Hughes was in London some months ago he conveyed to me the assurance of his Government that we all had to disregard jingoistic tendencies in some of our politicians, as I have already said."

"People always ready to make mischief are to be found on both sides of the Pacific but you can take my word for it when I say they are disregarded by the bulk of their nationals."

Insists Japan Wants Peace

Asked whether the time had arrived for both Japan and the United States definitely to curb jingoism, Baron Hayashi said that was a matter for the discretion of the two countries. "I speak without authority on the point you raise," he said. "But as far as our country is concerned, I think our propagandists, as you call them, receive more attentive hearing outside their own country."

"Again I must emphasize that Japan wants only peace. Japan, indeed, is determined to have peace; whether with the United States or Great Britain or any other country. Naturally we want to work out our destiny unhampered by unfair restrictions, but that rule applies to the desire of every nation and must be respected by all nations."

An undercurrent of anxiety in high quarters in London regarding the situation in the Far East exists despite many recent statements emphasizing the cordial relations between the United States and Japan, and between Great Britain and Japan.

This was indicated in a recent interview between Foreign Secretary Chamberlain and a leading foreign diplomat.

The British information is that Japan, after months of negotiation, is about to conclude a treaty with Russia. The difficulty hitherto has been over the northern part of the Island of Saghalien. After the Russo-Japanese war, Russia got the northern half and Japan the southern. Japan occupied the Russian portion after the Bolshevik revolution.

RAISES FOR NAVY MEN

Increases for 78 New York Workers in
New Wage Schedule.

Washington.—Assistant Secretary of the Navy Robinson has approved the new schedule of wages for all civil personnel in navy yards and other shore establishments, which remains in force for the calendar year 1925. For the most part the present scale remains unchanged, although relatively small increases are granted several hundred employees, including seventy-eight in the New York Navy Yard.

GERMANY'S LOANS ABROAD

Are For One Year or Less With
Option of Renewal

Washington.—Private American loans and credits to Germany total approximately \$103,500,000, according to an unofficial but reliable German estimate. British loans amount to considerably more, while total foreign loans, exclusive of the Dawes plan, total \$300,000,000 in book credits. The greater number of these loans are for one year or less, often with the option of renewal.

MRS. NELLIE T. ROSE

Succeeds Late Husband
as Governor of Wyoming



Nellie Taylor Rose, Democrat, who was elected governor of Wyoming, to succeed her late husband, Gov. William B. Ross.

OUSTED JAIL HEAD
ACCUSED IN BRIBE

Atlanta. Deputy Charged With
Getting Money From Prison-
ers—"Frame-Up" Cry by Both.

Atlanta, Ga.—Warrants charging the acceptance of bribes by A. D. Sartain, deputy warden, and J. J. Fletcher, deputy warden of the Federal prison in Atlanta, were sworn out in Federal Court here. Both men were waiting in the clerk's office to make bond.

Details of the charges were not made public, pending the formal service of the warrants and the execution of bonds by the accused men, but it was understood they were based on charges made by Graham Baughman, a prisoner.

Mr. Sartain said he had nothing to add to his previous statement alleging that he is the victim of "petty politics."

The issuance of the warrants followed a reported all-night conference at the prison between W. J. Donovan, assistant United States Attorney General; Clint W. Hager, District Attorney, and T. B. White, special agent of the Department of Justice and acting warden.

Mr. White took charge of the prison Monday. Mr. Fletcher resigned October 22 as deputy warden, the resignation to become effective January 1, and he announced that in the absence of an expected leave of absence he had gone on furlough until his resignation should become effective.

In the warrants Fletcher was charged with seeking and accepting bribes of \$2,500 each for two prisoners and \$5,000 for the same two from another source to influence his decision to appoint the prisoners to "easy and soft jobs."

Sartain and Fletcher appeared before United States Commissioner Jos Abbott and demanded a preliminary hearing.

LATEST EVENTS
AT WASHINGTON

Hearings begin on postal pay increase
substitute designed to spare Cool-
idge Senate defeat.

Coolidge designates Weeks, Wilbur,
Hoover to report on oil

Work and conservation. Attorneys quit
More United States because of low pay.

War talk in Congress spoils chances
for naval investigation.

Conference on distribution called by
United States Chamber of Commerce.

Underwood Muscle Shoals Bill lost as
Senators heed Norris. Shoals project
to be deferred for a year.

Administration spokesman flatly de-
nied the Paris report that a financial
conference for scrapping the war
debts to the United States is
contemplated in Washington.

Senator Couzens of Michigan, in the
opinion of treasury officials, may
have violated the tax return sec-
recy clauses when he announced a re-
turn of \$21,000,000 in income taxes
to the United States Steel Corpora-
tion.

Attorney General Stone said he be-
lieved large amounts of money were
spent to influence action on the
postal salaries increase bill.

Secretary Hughes formally acclaims
new Japanese Ambassador.

Coolidge, emerging from mourning,
is hosts at first State dinner.

Senator Reed flays dry agents for
poisoning alcohol.

Hearings on the Crampton bill creat-
ing separate prohibition depart-
ment were commenced before Sen-
ate Judiciary sub-committee.

An attempt to get unanimous consent
to vote on the Underwood Muscle
Shoals bill was blocked in the
Senate by Senator Norris, Republi-
can, Nebraska, author of the Nor-
ris Government operation measure.

DRIVE TO FINISH
CATHEDRAL ON

Many Civic Bodies Pledge Their
Aid at Special Services in
Incomplete Structure.

ACTOR PREACHES SERMON

Bishop Manning Entertains 500 at
Luncheon, Announcing \$50,000 Alt-
man Gift—Work on Nave of St.
John's Will Be Started This Spring.

New York.—Special services were held in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine Sunday afternoon to direct attention to the beginning with the new year of a public drive to raise the \$15,000,000 needed to complete the cathedral. About \$3,000,000, it was announced, has been obtained by private solicitation.

Preceding the services, Bishop William T. Manning gave a luncheon in the undercroft of the Synod House to about 600 men and women, who are interested in the cathedral as a civic undertaking, regardless of creed and denomination. Those at the luncheon, as well as many of the 1,500 who attended the special services, were representative of diverse phases of New York life—finance, commerce, labor, the arts and professions, politics, the army and navy and society.

It was a community gathering, which gave its support to the campaign for the completion of the cathedral not only as a house of worship but as a temple of civic beauty, and as a symbol of the spiritual nature of the city.

This thought was emphasized in all the speeches—an address by Dr. Manning; a sermon by an actor, Maclyn Arbuckle of "County Chairman" fame, and a tract by a business man, Frederick H. Ecker, President of the New York State Chamber of Commerce, vice-president of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and a director of many corporations.

Bishop Manning announced the receipt of a \$50,000 gift last week from Michael Friedsam on behalf of the Altman Foundation for the completion of the cathedral. The many contributions received from private sources before starting the public campaign, Bishop Manning went on, would make it possible to begin work on the nave of the cathedral next spring.

When completed, he continued, the structure will be the greatest cathedral in the English-speaking world. It will stand for faith in God and reverence for His law as the only basis of morality, and will become a symbol of the place which religion holds in our national life. New York should have one of the great cathedrals of the world, he declared, to represent religion on an equal scale with the other great interests that make up the life of the city.

Pointing out the undenominational nature of the campaign for the completion of the cathedral, Bishop Manning expressed his gratification that persons of all churches—and even some of no church at all—were participating in a spirit of Christian generosity and civic pride. He particularly mentioned the participation of labor leaders as a hopeful sign, and appealed for the support of writers, actors, artists and musicians, as well as business and professional men.

Replying on behalf of the people of the stage, Mr. Arbuckle pledged their cooperation in the movement. He said actors were inherently religious, even if they might not attend church so regularly as some others, and that they would appreciate the beauty and grandeur of the cathedral when it stood forth in its completed splendor, looking down from Morningside Heights on the house-tops of the city.

Religion and arts, he continued, had always gone hand in hand in the expression of the divine. Today, he went on, there was a better understanding between church and stage than ever before. Mr. Arbuckle said that actors, dramatists and producers were not to be blamed for plays of which the religious disapprove. The fault, he explained, was with the real thing, which, he said, theatre always support clean and wholesome plays or the classics like Shakespeare.

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NEW ENGLAND NEWS
IN TABLOID FORM

News of General Interest
From the Six States

The state armory commissioners have advised the Massachusetts Legislature not to dispose of the muster field at Framingham at a price under \$100,000. The field comprises 113 acres, is assessed at \$56,000, and has not been of large use since the war.

The state legislature which sits in January, will be asked for an appropriation of \$40,000 to pay the expenses of the National Guard to Washington to witness the Coolidge inauguration. It is stated by Colonel John W. Tinker, commander of the 172nd Infantry.

The Penobscot River in Maine is closed to navigation for the season of 1924. The tug Walter Ross, which came up the river to open a channel for two coal barges, anchored down the bay, cleared, and had a hard time getting out, as the narrows were jammed with broken ice frozen into a solid mass.

The first child to be born in the village of Plymouth, Vt., since Calvin Coolidge took the oath of office as President of the United States, August 3, 1923, was born December 11, and, according to the decision of the parents was named Calvin Coolidge Rogers. The parents of the boy are Louis E. and Leta Rogers.

Miss Helen Osgood, secretary of the Lynn, Mass., Associated Charities and women probation officer at the Lynn district court, says that the pocket flask, jazz and gay automobile parties are causes contributing to the downfall of girls of the present. Her remarks were prompted as the result of incidents coming to her notice in her dual capacity. To attempt to correct this growing evil, she says, the style of dress must be changed and sex matters ought to be taught in the high schools under proper supervision.

OUTLAWS IF THEY QUIT

Mine Workers' Chief Warns Scranton
Coal Miners.

Scranton, Pa.—Twelve thousand employees of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, who are to take a vote next week on the question of joining a nearby strike with 12,000 employees of the Pennsylvania Coal Company, who have been idle three weeks, were warned by district union leaders that such action would be a violation of union laws and render them "outlaws."

BURIED IN SLEEPY HOLLOW

Workmen Throughout Nation Bow
in Silent Tribute

Tarrytown, N. Y.—Samuel Gompers, America's foremost labor organizer and leader, was buried here in Sleepy Hollow cemetery.

Masonic services were conducted in a small tent erected alongside the grave. Around the grave were clustered about 1,000 people. The services were led by the Rev. Oscar F. Freder, grand chaplain of the Free and Accepted Masons.

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The Scrap Book

Plan to Make London City Built on Stilts

Much has been said and written recently regarding traffic problems in our great cities, particularly with regard to the congestion of the London streets.

Among the many remedies that have been suggested one of the most interesting, and perhaps the most drastic, is that advocated by Lord Montagu of Beaulieu and published in London Answers.

His scheme is that overhead roads, clear of all existing streets and houses, should be built in London. Such overhead roads might run from London docks to the neighborhood of Edgeware road, from the Surrey docks to Wandsworth and from the Crystal Palace to Tottenham or Highgate. The roadways would be 60 feet wide, sufficient for six lanes of traffic, and would be supported on giant pillars, some of which would be fitted as lifts for taking vehicles up and down while others would be let as residential flats.

It is estimated that the cost of constructing these overhead roads would be less than that of widening existing streets or of building new tubes. So the idea may one day materialize. If it does other centers will doubtless follow London's example and the city on stilts may be a commonplace of the town-planning of the future.

Lost Ring Restored Through Black Magic

Black magic recovered a lost ring in Natal, South Africa. The wife of a farmer living at Mool River missed a very valuable diamond ring. A detective called in could discover no clues leading to its recovery. The farmer then went to see a well-known Zulu witch-doctor, or "Isangoma," as the natives called him. The witch-doctor said: "You have come about the ring. Sit down, and I will call the spirit." A short while later a scratching noise was heard in the roof of the kraal, and the witch-doctor spoke: "Listen," he said, "the spirit talks. He is saying that as you have already gone to the police he will not help you. However, you may rest assured the ring will come back." A month later the farmer and his wife were at the Theater Royal, Durban. They went out during the interval, and, by some curious chance, the lady left her bag behind. When she returned and opened it, there lay the ring! The bag was quite new and had been purchased a few days previously.

Heroic Frenchwoman
A solitary woman passenger was traveling in the Paris-Constantinople air express when the machine caught fire. If the flames had reached the fuel tank the airplane would have been blown to pieces. The passenger, a Frenchwoman, prevented it.

She rammed a hole in the tank and let the petrol out. The pilot stopped his engine and glided 1,200 feet down to an island in the Danube, near Budapest.

The machine was burned to ashes, but the walls were saved, and neither pilot nor passenger was injured. The next day they went on to another plane.

WHAT WILL THEY DO?



Minister—Remember, the meek shall inherit the earth!
One of the Flock—What do you think of their chances of managing it when they get it?

The turkey raiser who feels it is no longer necessary to look after the diet of his stock after they are well feathered, is more than likely to suffer the loss of a number of fine birds during early fall by wild grapes, green corn, etc.

Ensemble Costume Now Fashion Rage

Idea Is Carried Out in All Kinds of Clothes, Also in Jewelry.

Fashion has gone mad over the ensemble costume. We find it not only in sports and formal models, but even winding its way into the boudoir, says a fashion writer in the Washington Evening Star. One of the shops is showing a three-piece affair in a negligee which is charming. It consists of pajamas of Chinese blue crepe de chine, bordered and finished in black crepe-back satin, and a matching breakfast frock of the black satin, bordered in blue silk, wadded.

The ensemble idea is even carried out in jewelry, and no one would think of wearing necklaces, bracelets or earrings that did not distinctly harmonize with each other and with the costume which they adorn.

One of the most striking examples of the ensemble modes is a distinguished importation from Molyneux of Paris and is executed in a combination of crepe materials. The dress is of a handsome emerald and stitched printed silk, woven especially for this model in shades of cream, black and henna. Of black wool crepe, the coat is built on straight lines, with a straight cape attached to the back, and luxurious collar and cuffs of fox. But the most intriguing detail of all is the crepe de chine lining, the upper part of which is in rose color, the lower in apple green, with a band of the printed silk to define the two.

In the sports type there is a dashing model from Patou in a soft sand-colored wool. The dress is sleeveless, and the coat, seven-eighths in length, is bordered in wool of a deeper shade of tan, with a scarf to match.

There are also domestic models, in the lovely new autumn shades, fur-trimmed, or with building.

Many of the coat dresses which are so liked this season, are made to give the appearance of a three-piece suit. A very handsome imported model is especially of this type. The material used is a deep green twill, the ribs of which are at varying widths to stamp its newness. It is lined in gray squirrel at the cuffs and rever, and about the skirt to give the line which the coat would have. It is a very practical dress, being appropriate indoors or out.

Simplicity is the keynote of another coat dress in imported tan wool. Straight of line and unbelted, it is trimmed only in a row of buttons fastening all the way down the front. Tailored severely in masculine style, it may be worn with a narrow rolled collar to give the feminine touch at the throat.

Attractive coat dresses are also shown in the bengaline variety of silks, with revers of Irish lace, or with touches of color in the trimming.

Giving Long Lines.

For the "watch-your-weight" ladies, dresses have been designed which are not only cut in large sizes, but have fullness introduced in the desirable places to lessen breadth and give long lines. Such a model is to be had in a navy twill coat dress, closing with a self-material sash at the side, and



Charming Patou Model of Banzal Brown Bengaline.

with a flattering rever faced in penny bronze crepe de chine. It has bands of striped silk braid down the front and on the cuffs and there is a little fullness at the hips. With such models from which to choose, the slightly overweight matron should find no difficulty in looking as slender and smart as her eighteen-year-old daughter. There is such an art in designing clothes to enhance magnificent dignity, and some of the best shops make a specialty of catering to this type. It is no longer necessary to try to lace yourself into a dress two sizes too small or to go to the bother and uncertainty of having them made because you "simply can't find your size."

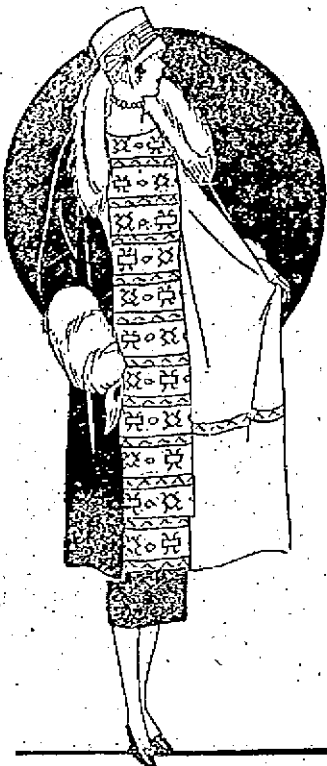
Hats have never been smarter! The favored shapes are the small square crowned, turned-up-brim types, to be worn with tailored clothes and the crushed velvet shapes for more formal

occasions. Black felt is very good and extremely practical, as it will harmonize with innumerable costumes. A charming hat of this sort has a square crown of black felt, and the brim, turned up becomingly in front, is faced with black satin.

A hat of similar shape is developed of tan velvet with a platted band of tan georgette about the crown, ending in loops at the side. An ornament of metal is placed to the left of the front, beautifully finishing this very smart model.

The Venetian type of hat, flaring off the face in front, is again in great favor. This is easily understood, as no more universally becoming shape has ever been designed for dress wear.

For evening there are more frivolous hats composed of satins, brocades or metal cloths. A chic little model of black satin, has a hat,



Attractive Ensemble Costume Imported From Molyneux.

turned-up front braided in silver and a black lace veil drooping in piquant fashion about the face and ending in a cascade at the right side.

A gold cloth turban in basket weave effect is smart with its feather fan, adroitly placed at the side.

Belted hats in tailored styles are much favored. Besides the correct silhouettes, elegant afternoon models are being shown. One of them is trimmed in an imposing feather ornament directly in front and is turned up at just the right angle at the side.

Velours hats for sports wear may be had in becoming shades of tan, some with youthfully wide brims and an appearance of studied carelessness which is most fashionable.

A smartly different little black felt turns up in back and down in front and has the oddest possible ornament—a pair of silvered turkey claws!

The evening mode is very gorgeous. It offers freest play to the imagination of the designer and results in gowns on many different types, from girlish bouffant lines to stately creations of metal cloths.

Clouds of peach-colored tulle float about a delectable dancing frock. Built over peach satin, the shoulders gleam through a hertha of heavy silver lace, and mink fur edges both dress and scarf. The tulle skirt reveals a touch of blue beneath and ends in a huge diaphanous bow at the side. It is an importation, of course.

Bordered With Fur.

Splendidly regal in its heavy gold fillet lace, another dinner gown challenges attention. It is designed on tulle lines, bordered with fur, and belted with a platted cord of gold. In keeping with the shimmering richness of the gown is its midnight blue agate buckle, inlaid in rhinestones.

A simpler dance frock of cherry-colored crepe-back satin is offered in straight lines, the skirt cut in three tiers, which the banded with the dull side of the material and caught at the side with two large roses.

A gown of shining silver lace exploits the new circular flare by means of godets inserted about the skirt. It is a glittering example of the evening mode, but without that gaudiness which offends good taste. Only the master designer could have created a model of such simplicity and style. The gown is entirely of the silver lace with clusters of corn-flower blue and yellow flowers at the right shoulder and left hip. The stems of the flowers, in silver, trail down the side as far as the hem.

The most important rival of metal cloth for evening gowns this season is velvet. Being an exquisitely supple material, it lends itself to many uses and is unsurpassed for formal dinner gowns. Relying on beauty of material for striking effects, the velvet models which the shops are showing are extremely simple in design.

There is one charming model in a shade of mauve velvet, gathered in at the right side by a design of rhinestone heading.

Bengaline is a much favored silk this season. So many years have elapsed since grandmother's Sunday dress was made of it, that many have forgotten all about it and hail it as a newcomer in the list of materials. However, history repeats itself and so does bengaline, and we have it in all manner of the smartest frocks for afternoon as well as street wear.

Frost Forecasts Aid Fruit Grower

Warning Service Saves Crop and Prevents Unnecessary Burning of Oil.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

The accuracy of frost forecasts made by the weather bureau of the United States Department of Agriculture is illustrated by results in a typical district where 95 forecasts of temperature near or below the danger point were made and distributed. In 91 per cent of the cases the forecast was correct within 2 degrees Fahrenheit or less, and in the other cases the variations were only slightly greater.

Pay for Service.

Fruit growers appreciate this special frost warning service by paying approximately one-half the expense of it in order to extend the operations permitted by the funds of the weather bureau. Information furnished not only saves fruit but prevents the unnecessary burning of many gallons of oil. The practice of orchard heating is growing rapidly. There are three general methods of frost protection: conserving heat, stirring the air and adding heat by means of fires. The last has proven thus far the most practical and economical method.

Several trained meteorologists are assigned to frost work during the danger period each year in important fruit districts. This work consists of temperature surveys, the issuing of forecasts and warnings of frost, experimental work as to the most effective methods of protection, and giving advice to growers. Temperature surveys are useful not only in regard to showing the susceptibility of a locality to frost owing to its topography, but also as an aid in selecting orchard sites. In issuing warnings there is a specially arranged system of distribution. One grower may be told to prepare for firing the latter part of the following night, and another near by that his orchard will be in no danger.

Work of Testing.

Experimental and advisory work comprises the testing, under actual orchard conditions, of various devices for frost protection; determining the relative effectiveness of different kinds of heaters; testing personally owned thermometers for use of the growers; and giving advice as to the proper exposure of instruments in an orchard.

Stable Manure Superior as Fertilizer in Garden

Perhaps the vegetable crops did not grow as well as they might have, even with the weather conditions as they were. This may have been due to lack of fertility in the soil. It is very seldom that a well-fertilized garden soil fails to produce a uniformly satisfactory crop of vegetables.

Of all the garden fertilizers, none is superior to stable manure.

Stable manure carries nitrogen, phosphorus and potash, the three chief elements of fertility. Not only does it carry these plant foods, but it contains decaying vegetable matter and the bacteria already at work which makes the decaying vegetation available as plant food for crops.

Use plenty of manure on the garden. You will not find a more profitable place on the farm for the manure. A ton of well-rotted manure to every eight square rods of the garden area is none too much; in fact, some advise still more.

For garden conditions, even better results are had by supplementing the manure with about fifty pounds of acid phosphate to each ton of manure applied.

Popularity of Soy Beans Increased in Corn Belt

It is surprising to observe the increased acreage of soy beans. Throughout the South the feeding and fertility value of soy beans and cowpeas have been recognized and appreciated, but recently this new crop has journeyed into the Corn Belt and through the Northwest, and demonstrations everywhere are serving to extend the planting of this legume. This, too, is in spite of the fact that the production in bushels or the return in dollars and cents is more or less restricted unless the soy beans can be sold to concerns which will extract the oil and market the residue for feeding purposes. Straight soy-bean meal is an excellent supplement to corn and other carbohydrate feeds supplying protein of good quality, but it never can be relied upon to supply the entire amount of protein essential for balanced rations.

Impetus to Tuberculosis Eradication in Indiana

The public post-mortem demonstration on eleven cattle reacting to the tuberculin test gave an impetus to tuberculosis eradication recently in Wabash county, Indiana, according to the United States Department of Agriculture. The reactors were the tuberculous cattle found among 564 head tested, representing 46 herds. Eleven farmers witnessed the post-mortem examination of the animals which the inspectors had condemned on the basis of the tuberculin test.

Every carcass showed lesions of the disease, some of a pronounced nature. The farmers who witnessed the examination expressed satisfaction with the results and are continuing their work for the eradication of the disease from the county under a systematic county-area plan.

Acid Phosphate on Wheat Is Favored

Mixing With Limestone Involves Serious Danger.

Since acid phosphate on wheat is gaining wider use and with fall spreading of limestone on wheat ground being common practice, the question has often been asked, whether one might not mix the limestone and acid phosphate and apply these two soil treatments at the same time.

Though labor might be saved by mixing, such a practice involves serious danger. Laboratory experiments as well as field results show that, when mixed with limestone, the soluble phosphorus reverts or changes to an insoluble form and its beneficial effects are largely lost. This change goes on more rapidly as the amount of limestone in proportion to the phosphate becomes greater. So, where one ton of stone is mixed with only one hundred pounds of phosphate—which is about the common ratio of application—the loss of soluble phosphate is rapid.

Rather than apply the two in a mixture, the limestone can be spread after plowing and worked into the soil during preparation of the seed-bed. When this is done early, as is commonly recommended, and the phosphate put on with the wheat seedling, the time between the applications is sufficient to let the time act partly on the soil and the chance for intimate mixture of lime and phosphate becomes so small that the danger is negligible. Even when the lime goes on just shortly before seeding there is little danger as long as it is worked into the soil ahead of the phosphate.

In applying these soil treatments it is well to remember that any method of handling them which prohibits their intimate mixing avoids the danger of reverting the phosphate and losing the usual profit from its use.

Keeping Seed Potatoes to Prevent Sprouting

Potatoes kept for seed should not be allowed to grow long white sprouts. Such sprouts can be broken off and new sprouts will come; but the potato that must feed the new plant until it gets a root system of its own will be greatly weakened by long sprouts. To prevent this undesirable sprouting keep the potatoes at a temperature of 35 or 40 degrees and treat the seed early for scab, then as planting time arrives spread them in the light where they will grow short strong sprouts. These sprouts are not disturbed by planting, nor killed by the formaldehyde treatment, having been previously treated. They grow fast when planted, for the seed has not been weakened.

Reason for Damp Houses

Many poultry houses are damp because the ground on which they stand is not well drained. This is probably the most common cause of dampness and one that is most easily corrected. A small job of tiling may do the work. The tile should be laid clear around the house and a connecting line or two under it. With plenty of fall and a clear outlet such a job will effectively remove the cause of excess moisture, unless the house is situated in too low a place, in which case it should be moved to higher ground.

Winter Feed for Bees

For winter food bees need a good quality of honey, which is just as free as possible of indigestible waste matter. During prolonged cold spells they may be confined to the hive for weeks at a time when they are unable to take flights and empty their intestines of accumulated waste matter. Honeydew honey and other low grade honeys are unfit as winter food for bees. If the stores are faulty or insufficient a sirup of clean granulated cane sugar should be fed to the colony in the fall.

FARM FACTS

Protect the song bird from the cat.

Paint not only preserves; it also brightens.

Fumigate grain and other stored products that are weevil-infested.

A successful farm is bound to be the product of an able and industrious man.

Continue to clean up and destroy all dead material in gardens and orchards.

A one crop farmer and his money are soon parted for high price feeds and food.

A woven wire stretched along the corn row is enough to hold shotes in while they hog off the corn crop.

A winter cover crop not only improves the soil but it keeps it from straying down the creeks and getting lost.

If co-operation were not a good thing there would not be nearly two million American farmers in twelve thousand farmers' business organizations.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

What's in a Name?

John Early, a North London school-boy, has not been late once in seven years.

AGAINST THE WALL

If I live till my fighting days are done I must fasten my armor on my eldest son.

I would give him better, but this is my best; I can get along without it—I'll be glad to have a rest.

And I'll sit mending armor with my back against the wall, Because I have a second son if this one should fall.

So I'll make it very shiny, and I'll whistle very loud, And I'll clap him on the shoulder and I'll say, very proud:

"This is the lance I used to bear!" (But I mustn't tell what happened when I bore it.)

"This is the helmet I used to wear!" (But I won't say what befell me when I wore it.)

For you couldn't tell a youngster—it wouldn't be right— That you wish you had died in your very first fight.

And I mustn't say that victory is never worth the cost, That defeat may be bitter, but it's better to have lost.

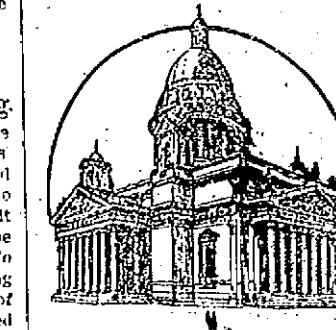
And I mustn't say that glory is as barren as a stone— I'd better not say anything, but leave the lad alone.

So he'll fight very bravely and proudly he'll fall, And I'll sit mending armor with my back against the wall.

—Allie Kilmer, in Poetry

Russians Make Museum of Famous Cathedral

The great St. Isaac's cathedral at Leningrad, a mecca for tourists, has been turned into a museum, Pathfinder Magazine reports. Dwindling church attendance and lack of money contributions toward its upkeep is said to be the reason. Admission will now be by fee. This great church was



St. Isaac's Cathedral.

erected at a cost of \$11,000,000. Its golden dome can be seen from a distance of many miles. The exterior columns are of red granite. Massive bronze doors lead into the edifice. In the days of the czar the interior was hung with rich paintings, and magnificent icons and vessels of gold and silver adorned the altars.

Using Up the Whole Tree

Whenever Jack seemed to need a little threat to make him behave better, Mrs. Neal had a habit of saying that if he didn't behave she would have to go out to the peach tree, which stood in the back yard, and get a switch and use it.

Mother wished Jack to eat his dinner, but Jack seemed in no mood to comply. Finally mother appealed to the old standby.

"Jack, if you don't eat your dinner I'll have to get a switch off the peach tree."

"You better watch out, mother," the youngster replied, "pretty soon they won't be any limbs on that peach tree and then you won't have any peaches." —Indianapolis News.

The King's Pipers

The king of England, when enjoying his shooting and stalking on his Highland holiday, wears the kilt, always; and for dinner, the full dress of the Stuart Tartan, with the silver ornaments bejeweled with cairngorms, which are as handsome as they are valuable. A piper always plays under the king's windows every morning at eight o'clock, and at night, as soon as their majesties, with their guests, are seated at the dinner table, the pipers all enter the room and march round two or three times playing as they go. —London Mail.

Cat Alarm Clock

Charles E. L. Gray of Lynn, Mass., reports having a cat that, without training, became his alarm clock and has acted faithfully for years. Every morning the cat wakes up at 5:30 o'clock, washes in a bowl of water always placed for him, and then jumps upon the bed of his master, Mr. Gray, and wakes him up. Mr. Gray maintains the cat does this voluntarily, punctually and without any effort at training.

Escalators for Salmon

To solve the problem of building a 60-foot dam in the Columbia river without blocking the run of salmon that go up the river to spawn, model escalators are to be erected to determine whether the fish will consent to this form of transportation.

Few Accidents in Air

In 4,000 flights of British commercial airplane services during one year there were only two accidents, one of which was without fatalities.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Mercury, December 25, 1924

In the report of the Board of Engineers of National work to be commenced as soon as possible is the following for this section: For, at Dumpling's Point, \$579,046; For, at Rose Island, \$82,411; Dyke across West Passage, Narragansett Roads, \$205,000; Total for this vicinity, \$867,357.

The drawing of the Union Canal Lottery will take place January 5. In this lottery one prize of \$50,000, one of \$20,000, and one of \$10,000.

Stephen Cahoon advertises in this issue 20 barrels of Jencks gin for sale. Christopher Ellery advertises for "A number of seamen and a few ordinary seamen wanted for the Ship Alliance, Capt. Swain, now bound for the Pacific Ocean, on a whaling voyage."

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Mercury, December 26, 1874

The one hundred and twenty-sixth annual communication of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., was held in Masons' Hall Monday evening; Robert S. Franklin was chosen Master, William G. Stevens Senior Warden, Isaac Gill Junior Warden, John D. Richardson, Treasurer, John Eldred Secretary. The officers were installed by R. W. William Gilpin, District Deputy Grand Master, assisted by George F. Crandall, John Myers and Ray B. Tayer.

Hereafter, thanks to the persistent efforts of our efficient postmaster and others, we are to have a land route to New York all the year round, which will carry the mails twice daily between Newport and New York, Providence, Boston, and other places north, south, east, and west.

The Old Colony Steamboat Co. have declared a dividend of four dollars per share, and the Old Colony Railroad Co. will pay the regular semi-annual of \$2.50 per share. (Those were good old days.)

The following is an order of the General Assembly issued in sixteen hundred and something: "It is hereby ordered by this court that whoever shall shoot off a gun on any unlicensed occasion, or at any game whatsoever except at an Indian or a Woodcock shall forfeit five shillings for every such shot till further liberty shall be given."

The Old Colony Steamboat Company have awarded the contract for painting throughout their steamers Providence and Bristol to Charles W. Underwood of this city. It will require fifty men and take at least ninety days to complete the job.

Thomas Cottrell Clarke, a well known Philadelphia Journalist, formerly associated in business with Edgar Allan Poe, died on Tuesday last at Camden, N. J. Mr. Clarke was a native of Newport and well known to many of our older citizens.

A convention of the farmers of New Hampshire was held in Manchester a few days ago at which resolutions of respect to the memory of Prof. J. Stanton Gould, a worthy son of Newport, were passed.

This ends the year 1874. What 1875 will bring us remains to be seen.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Mercury, December 23, 1899

The recent sad accident which resulted in the death of two little children, John and Robert Anderson, aged five and three years, will be made the subject of official inquiry. It will be remembered that the two children were burned to death while playing in a hen house on the property of Mr. Henry C. Tilley.

The 150th annual communication of St. John's Lodge was held last Monday evening. R. W. Howard Walker of Pawtucket presided, R. W. Robert S. Franklin and W. Frank E. Thompson acted as tellers. Daniel B. Fearing was elected Master, N. Thomas Hodson Senior Warden, Irving P. Irons Junior Warden, James G. Topham Treasurer, and Ara Hildreth Secretary.

Edward T. Dodge dropped dead while talking to friends on Wednesday afternoon. He was for many years employed as gardener at Gordon McKay's. A widow and one daughter, Mrs. William P. Hayman, survive him.

The funeral of the late Rev. Warren Randolph was held at the Central Baptist Church on Monday afternoon. The church was completely filled with friends and acquaintances, many of whom had come from without the city to pay the last tribute of respect. Nearly all the clergy of the city took part in the service. The honorary bearers were Messrs. T. Mumford Seabury, John S. Langley, George W. Swinburne, William E. Franklin, and William P. Carr, and the Clerk of the Church, Mr. Samuel W. Marsh. The bearers were Edwin P. Robinson, Albert K. Sherman, Charles M. Cole, Nathaniel R. Swinburne, and James P. Taylor. The ministers were John C. Seabury, William E. Langley, Ralph R. Barker, Charles P. Austin, Alexander MacLellan, and Alexander B. Carr.

The body of an unknown man was found on the shore at Common Point, Portsmouth, on Sunday.

Mr. Henry C. Anthony of Portsmouth has bought the Elm Farm, better known as the Buffum Farm,

near Island Park in Portsmouth. This is one of the finest farms in Rhode Island.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the ordination of Rev. Father Meenan to the priesthood was observed Thursday by an anniversary high mass at St. Mary's Church, celebrated by Father Meenan, assisted by Fathers Cronan and Reddy.

There are fifty cases of scarlet fever in Providence and the disease increasing.



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Mortgagee's Sale

BY VIRTUE of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed made by Dennis Shanahan (with Mary E. Shanahan, his wife, in release of dower), Julia Shanahan, Frank P. Gormley and Mary G. Gormley, his wife, in her right, Harry A. Taylor, and Elizabeth H. Taylor, his wife, in her right, to Patrick H. Morgan and Constant Smith, dated June 25th, A. D. 1921, and recorded in Volume 11, at pages 53, 60, 61 and 62 of the Mortgages Land Evidence of the City of Newport, the State of Rhode Island, branch of the condition of said mortgage having been made and still existing, the mortgagees will sell at public auction on Thames street in front of the land first hereinafter described on WEDNESDAY, the 11th day of January, A. D. 1922, at 12 o'clock noon, all the right, title and interest which the said Dennis Shanahan, Mary E. Shanahan, Julia Shanahan, Frank P. Gormley, Mary G. Gormley, Harry A. Taylor, and Elizabeth H. Taylor, had at the time of the execution of said mortgage and did by said mortgage convey in and to those certain parcels of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in said City of Newport, and bounded and described as follows:

First Parcel—Bounded westerly on Thames street; northerly on an alley way leading from Duke street; westerly to Thames street; easterly by the parcel next hereinafter described; and southerly by land formerly of Hazard and of Stevens and now of Della G. Leddy, or however otherwise the same may be bounded or described. Being the same premises conveyed to John Shanahan by John A. C. Stacy by deed dated April 11th, A. D. 1921, and recorded in the Land Evidence of said Newport, in Volume 51, at pages 80, et seq.

Second Parcel—Bounded easterly on Duke street; southerly by land formerly of John Stevens and now of Della G. Leddy; westerly by the parcel of land next hereinafter described; and northerly on the said Alley way leading from Duke street; westerly to Thames street, or however otherwise the same may be bounded or described. Being the same premises conveyed to John Shanahan, deceased, by Thomas Stevens, by deed dated April 6th, A. D. 1922, and recorded in the Land Evidence of said Newport, in Volume 52, at page 102, et seq.; said above parcels and premises being all that was granted by said Mortgage Deed, which deed is hereby made part hereof.

And the Mortgagees hereby give notice that they intend to bid for said property at said sale thereof.

PATRICK H. MORGAN,
CONSTANT SMITH,
Newport, R. I., December 12, 1921.
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Probate Court of the Town of New Shoreham, December 1, 1921

Estate of Barzilla B. Dunn

EZRA B. DUNN, Administrator of the estate of Barzilla B. Dunn, late of said New Shoreham, deceased, presents his first and final account with the estate of said deceased, for allowance; and the same is received and referred to the fifth day of January at two o'clock p. m. at the Probate Court Room in said New Shoreham, for consideration, and it is ordered that notice thereof be published for fourteen days, once a week, in the Newport Mercury.

EDWARD P. CHAMPLIN,
Clerk.

Probate Court of the Town of New Shoreham, December 1, 1921

Estate of Alex Ernst

CHARLES A. NEGUS, Guardian of the person and estate of Alex Ernst, minor, presents his first account with the estate of his ward, for allowance; and the same is received and referred to the fifth day of January at two o'clock p. m. at the Probate Court Room in said New Shoreham for consideration, and it is ordered that notice thereof be published for fourteen days, once a week, in the Newport Mercury.

EDWARD P. CHAMPLIN,
Clerk.

Doubters Not Wanted

I will listen to any one's convictions, but pray keep your doubts to yourself.—Goethe.

Probate Court of the City of Newport, December 12th, 1921

Estate of John Kirby

AN INSTRUMENT in writing purporting to be the last will and testament of John Kirby, late of said Newport, deceased, is presented for probate and the same is received and referred to the twenty-ninth day of December instant, at ten o'clock a. m., at the Probate Court Room in said Newport, for consideration; and it is ordered that notice thereof be published for fourteen days, once a week, in the Newport Mercury.

DUNCAN A. HAZARD,
Clerk.

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Probate Court of the City of Newport

Estate of Frank Davenport

NOTICE is hereby given that Abbie M. Davenport has qualified as Administrator of the estate of Frank Davenport, late of Newport, deceased.

Creditors are notified to file their claims in this office within the times required by law beginning December 13th, 1921.

DUNCAN A. HAZARD,
Clerk.

December 8th, 1921.

Caviar in Hamburg

The world's largest storehouse of caviar—supplying the New York, London and Paris markets—is in Hamburg. Outside of Russia, caviar is one of the most expensive luxuries of European tables. But in Petrograd or Moscow it is a common dish of the workmen.

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Newport Home of Tennis

For many years the history of tennis in the United States was practically identical with the history of tennis at the Newport Casino. It was there the first American court was built in 1876 and when, in 1891, the United States National Lawn Tennis association was organized in New York city, Newport was unanimously chosen as the logical place for holding the all-comers' championship each year.

In One Round!

"I ain't one that hides from trouble," said Bre'r Williams; "vase when his mind is made up to git you, git you he will—today, or tomorrow. But when I knows he's at the outside gate, I hollers, 'Come on in,' an' when he comes, it's me an' him, an' I knocks de stump out o' him!"—Atlanta Constitution.